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Italy's Fabio Quagliarella, left, cries next to teammate Fabio Cannavaro at the end of their World Cup group F soccer match against Slovakia in Johannesburg, South Africa, on Thursday. Defending champion Italy was sent home early from the tournament after a humbling 3-2 loss. Story, page 18.

Murders confirmed in house explosion

3 of 4 victims in Edmonton blast died from foul play: Police

JEFF CUMMINGS
for Metro Canada

Three of the four people who were killed in a massive house explosion that rocked an Edmonton neighbourhood Sunday afternoon were homicide victims, police confirmed Thursday.

The death of the fourth person found in the rubble has been deemed "non-criminal" by a medical examiner after an autopsy was done Tuesday.

Police say Jeanne Cathleen Heard, a 47-year-old who owned the home with Dwayne Richard Poirier, 46, died from foul play in relation to the explosion, but Poirier, who was also killed in the blast, didn't die from foul play.

Brad Winter and Craig Huber were both found dead by emergency crews in a house next door to the explosion. Both were deemed homicide victims.

"We recognize this incident has affected many people who are looking for answers," said Edmonton police Insp. Darren Eascott. "These investigations take time and to maintain the integrity of the investigation, we will not be releasing partial information."

Eascott said police are not actively looking for suspects in the case, and when asked if the explosion was a murder-suicide, he said police are still waiting for toxicology results from Poirier's autopsy.

Police and fire investigators still don't know what caused the blast.

Investigators are also not confirming or denying media reports that they found Heard's body wrapped and bound. And police remain tightlipped on other reports that the home was full of natural and propane gas when it blew up.

"Somebody did something to cause their deaths," Eascott said.

Police will remain in the neighbourhood and host an event later next week to address questions from residents.

"We'd like life to get back to normal and we are here to support that," Eascott said.

Teens face charges in school lockdown

PETER MCCARTNEY
for Metro Calgary

CRIME Two female students at Ernest Marrow Junior High School will be charged after they allegedly posted a bomb threat on Facebook, causing the school to be locked down and evacuated Thursday morning.

According to Calgary police Duty Insp. Dave Wood, a former teacher found the information on one of the girls' Facebook pages and brought it to the attention of school administration. They phoned police at about 9:45 a.m. and initiated a lockdown.

"There will be charges laid in this, partly to discourage others who might try it," Wood said.

Police searched the school for a suspicious package but found nothing. Students were evacuated from the building just before 11 a.m. and sent away from the area.

"Everybody took it seriously — as they should," said Ted Flitton, spokesperson for the Calgary Board of Education.

He commended the former teacher for raising the red flag over the alleged threat.

"People are your best security — as long as you have people who care enough about the safety of themselves and others to bring it up," said Flitton.

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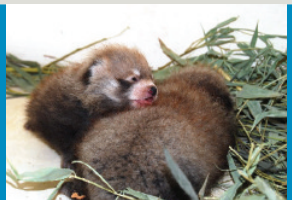

Panda raising cubs born in May

Two red panda cubs were born at the Calgary Zoo and are now being raised by their mother. Their birth on May 30 is a "monumental success" as they are a threatened species, according to the zoo. It's likely the cubs will not make their public debut for several months. METRO CALGARY

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Police seize weapons cache

Four people face 104 charges in relation to investigation

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Calgary police netted a cache of guns, including a machine gun-style firearm, after a five-day operation into an alleged weapons trafficking ring this week.

Police scored the supply of 16 guns and a 2004 Audi A4 on Tuesday after initially viewing a "machine-gun firearm sale" in the 0-100 block of Heritage Gate SE, which led them to a house in Edgemont where they found more weapons.

Organized crime Det. Gord Eiriksson said a tip earlier in June alerted police to the alleged weapon trafficking ring.

"We're seeing more and more of the machine gun-style weapon," Eiriksson said, adding the serial numbers were scratched out. "Obviously (the guns) we're going somewhere."

While investigators don't believe the arrests and seizure were gang-related, they are looking for connections to organized crime.

KRISTA SYLVESTER/METRO CALGARY

Organized crime Det. Gord Eiriksson shows of a cache of weapons police seized during an investigation this week into an alleged gun trafficking ring.

"Obviously that amount and type of guns are concerning," he added.

Police Chief Rick Hanson applauded the seizure but said there's still work to do.

"The reality is, guns continue to be an issue, and we'd be foolish to think that they're not an issue. The vast majority are illegal, they're not registered, they're not possessed by law-abiding citizens," Hanson said.

Four people face 104 charges in connection with the seizure and one person is known to police.

Supply of arms

- Police found a 9-mm semi-automatic machine gun, two shotguns, several handguns, over 260 rounds of ammunition and two flare pistols, among other weapons.

News in brief

COURT Tyler Lee Nolet landed a second-degree murder conviction after a judge ruled he did not act in self-defence when he killed a rival gang-member with a porcelain toilet lid in 2008.

ROADS Southbound QE II was shut down for over eight hours Thursday due to a construction mishap. METRO CALGARY

No one hurt as fire destroys Abbeydale home

INVESTIGATION Officials believe outdoor cooking was the cause of flames bursting through the roof of a northeast home Thursday.

The fire department responded to reports of smoke billowing from an Abbeydale home around 1 p.m.

All residents of the single-story home got out of the home safely and firefighters were able to extinguish the blaze, however the home was essentially destroyed, said a Calgary Fire Department spokesperson.

The fire spread to the roofs of both neighbouring homes but was put out before any major damage was done, he added.

While the investigation is ongoing, Dawson said it's believed an outdoor cooking device may have caused the fire. Damage estimates are not yet in.

KATIE TURNER/FOR METRO CALGARY

Pro-Lifers keep U of C club status: Student

COMPLAINT Members of the Campus Pro-Life Club at the University of Calgary learned they will keep their club status after receiving a letter from the Students' Union Review Board.

Alanna Campbell, president of the CPL, said it got a letter from their lawyer saying the students' union was officially withdrawing the complaint.

"Basically, their decision means we can kind of pretend it never happened," said Campbell.

Battle

- Since the CPL began displaying graphic images of aborted fetuses twice a year since 2006, they have been enveloped in controversy and a battle with both the Students' Union and university administration.

However Lauren Webber, president of the Students' Union, said she hadn't been informed of anything yet.

"I had never been consulted about anything like that," she said. "I just have to abide by whatever decision they make."

Campbell said the Students' Union was considering revoking its status as a club, and thus its access to student resources, but she thinks the union either changed its position or realized it didn't have a case. PETER MCCARTNEY/FOR METRO CALGARY

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Skate until July 27 at Village Square
The City of Calgary is inviting youth under 18 years old to bring their skateboards and in-line skates to the Village Square Leisure Centre mobile skate park from June 26 to July 27. Helmets and signed waivers are required for all participants. METRO CALGARY

Cops trade cruisers for Big Bike

JESSICA PICHE
for Metro Calgary

More than 130 Calgary police officers and civilian staff took to the pathways of Prince's Island Park on a Big Bike Thursday afternoon.

The group participated in the Heart and Stroke Foundation Big Bike fundraiser to raise money for those affected by heart disease or stroke. Sitting 30 people at a time, the five teams raced on the oversized bicycle in a friendly competition.

"It's a great opportunity to get a group of people that obviously care about their community together," said Sharon deBoer of the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

"They fight crime, and we fight heart and stoke," she said, adding the athletic activity is a good fit for the police.

This is the first year CPS has participated in the Big Bike fundraiser, and an estimated $10,000 has been raised, said Staff Sgt. Steve Ellefson.

"It's a great cause for something that touches the lives of many," said Ellefson. "And it's a great way to get everyone together for something fun and worthwhile."

Last year, the Heart and Stroke Foundation raised $880,000 in Alberta with the Big Bike. This year, they're hoping Calgarians will pitch in $500,000, said deBoer.

The CPS is challenging the Edmonton Police Service to get on the Big Bike and match their donations, said Ellefson. They will likely ride in September.

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The Calgary Police Service participated in the Big Bike race through Prince's Island Park to raise funds for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Calgary-based stock photo bank going mobile with new app

IPHONE Photographers and those who use their work now can enjoy easier lives with the launch of the iStockPhoto application for the iPhone by a Calgary company Thursday.

The application allows graphic designers to flip through the seven million photos — and growing — in iStockPhoto's collection, while allowing contributors to view the royalties those images are bringing in.

"We just wanted to do it to give every opportunity to our customers and contributors to use iStock when on the move," said iStockPhoto COO Kelly Thompson.

The Calgary-based company is the largest microstock image company in the world, but while their work is everywhere around the city, few know it. "You almost can't walk down the street in Calgary without seeing an iStock image," said Thompson, noting they're used for ads, billboards and more.

He said their photographers — who can make up to half a million dollars a year in royalties — will use it almost obsessively.

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News in brief

MAPPING Canada's first comprehensive online land bank has been developed and launched in Calgary. The Land Inventory Data Application (LInDA) is a web-based, interactive map that displays land information long with mapping and reporting capabilities. Launched in March, LInDA has already saved the city thousands of dollars.

BLAZE Fire crews responded to reports of an air conditioning unit fire at the Whiskey Nightclub early Thursday morning. The rooftop blaze was extinguished before it made its way inside the building.

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Deficit not as bad as predicted

The final report card on Alberta's 2009-10 budget reveals a bottom line that was once blood-red in deficit ink is now a much paler shade of pink.
Finance Minister Ted Morton says the final deficit for the last fiscal year is $1 billion, almost a fifth of the originally forecast $4.7 billion. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Making a better society

Province hopes grant will help MRU find ways to prevent crime

KATIE TURNER
for Metro Calgary

Mount Royal University may become Alberta's go-to for criminal and justice research after receiving a provincial grant to kick-start projects.

Alberta's Justice Minister and Attorney General Alison Redford announced Thursday that MRU's centre for criminology and justice research received $845,000.

"Mount Royal University is going to be where we turn as a provincial government to find out what's going on," she said.

The centre, which opened in January, utilizes faculty, students and industry professionals to conduct research on issues that impact the community including domestic violence, at-risk youth and young offenders.

The hope is to find ways to prevent crime before it happens, said the centre's director John Winterdyk.

KATIE TURNER/FOR METRO CALGARY

Police Chief Rick Hanson speaks at an announcement Thursday regarding an $845,000 research grant for Mount Royal University.

"If you want to make a better society, you have to be proactive and so you need to understand what the risk factors are," said Winterdyk.

Police Chief Rick Hanson said the research done by the centre will help to guide the police service as well.

"We need to know where we can effectively focus our resources," he said. "We need to know in areas of youth crime, domestic violence," he said.

Winterdyk said the grant will last them a year and hopefully their work during that time will lead to future funding.

"If you want to do a quality crime prevention initiative, you have to be able to study it over a period of time."

Builders and Patriots sequel on display at Chinese Cultural Centre

JESSICA PICHE
for Metro Calgary

ART Photographs worth more than a thousand words are being featured in a new exhibition at the Calgary Chinese Cultural Centre as part of the Chinatown 100th anniversary celebrations.

Builders and Patriots II: A History of Calgary's Chinatown, presented by the Sien Lok Society of Calgary, focuses on the history of Chinatown from its very beginnings.

Chie Ho saw the original exhibit, Builders and Patriots: Portraits of Chinese Canadians, and can't wait to see the sequel, which aims to inspire, educate and celebrate the history of local immigrants.

"It's beautiful and educational. I would encourage people of all races to attend," she said.

Categories include a history of important buildings, businesses, organizations and associations. Photographs of notable events, residents and the personal stories of individuals and families are also featured.

The exhibition will be shown at the Calgary Cultural Centre until October 31, 2010.

Fire department braces for funding cuts

BUDGET Calgary's fire department is preparing for budget cuts after learning of the city's $60-million shortfall in funding, according to the fire chief.

While there have been no definite numbers decided upon as of yet, Bruce Burrell said the department is looking into areas they can trim financially as a preemptive measure.

"The impact is obviously going to affect growth and potentially may impact the opening of some of the new stations in the future," he said. "We're looking for opportunities where we can combine programs."

Burrell said they expect to know the budget figures by mid-July.

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Driver of weapon-filled car arrested

Police pulled over a suspicious car in downtown Toronto Thursday and discovered a surprising cargo that included a crossbow. The 53-year-old driver was immediately arrested, and charges were pending, but police said there's no evidence to suggest the weapons cache was related to this weekend's G20 summit. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Payette grounded for good

One of Canada's best-known astronauts is getting ready to hang up her space suit. Julie Payette, left, became the first Canadian to visit the International Space Station in 1999 and, a decade later, participated in a unique moment where two Canadians met in space for the first time. But the Quebec native says she doesn't figure among the astronauts the Canadian Space Agency is looking at for future flights. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Leaders agreeing to disagree?

Global leaders meeting for the next three days in Canada will have to paper over gaping differences after discouraged negotiators in last-minute talks made little progress on how to repair the world's economy.

Sources tell The Canadian Press that the final hours of talks among G20 negotiators — known as "sherpas" because they do the heavy lifting before the summit — yielded little in the way of substantive agreement.

Plans to map out the future of the fragile global economic recovery, financial regulation, international development and climate change were up in the air, sources said.

In particular, U.S. President Barack Obama's negotiators are at loggerheads with Prime Minister Stephen Harper and the International Monetary Fund over how quickly budget deficits need to be brought under control.

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As the G8 and G20 summits get underway in Ontario, sources say U.S. President Barack Obama and Prime Minister Stephen Harper are at odds over economic initiatives.

Instead of agreeing to deep budget cuts in indebted countries, they opted for watered-down targets, and pushed the IMF recommendations back into an annex that will be attached to the official communique, sources say.

Obama wrote to the G20 last week, putting forward medium-term fiscal targets but also urging countries to stand ready to increase stimulus if need be. But in Europe, where markets are demanding quick action on growing deficits, governments want to take stiff action.

It was a division that was in plain sight on Thursday.

"There is no room for more deficit spending. The past few months have shown us that the risk is elsewhere," said Jose Manuel Barrosso, the head of the European Commission. "Without fiscal consolidation, we spend our way into a new crisis."

Fiscal measures will take place at different paces according to circumstances, and hard targets for the G20 are still being negotiated, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said.

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News in brief

ARRESTS Byron Sonne and his common-law wife, Kristen Peterson, are at the heart of an ongoing security investigation that culminated in their arrests this week, just days before the G20 summit opens in Toronto. Sonne, 37, an Internet security expert, is charged with possession of explosives, intimidating a justice system participant and mischief. Peterson, also 37, is charged with possession of an explosive device and possession of weapon for dangerous purpose. Police will only say the case relates to summit security.

BANK TAX Finance Minister Jim Flaherty says the global bank tax "gets much more attention than it deserves," and stresses that G20 leaders must focus on more pressing financial reforms when they meet this week. He said Canada and other countries whose financial sectors were not bailed out by public money oppose the idea.

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Chronic diseases put Metis at risk, study says

A study suggests Metis people in Manitoba are more prone to develop some chronic diseases and die before the age of 75 than the province's general population. Researchers at the University of Manitoba's faculty of medicine say the likelihood of an earlier death among the Metis is 21 per cent. THE CANADIAN PRESS

History repeats itself, your majesty

Dad was four when he saw Queen, now his four-year-old will see her

Roger Barliszen is planning to reprise a little family history this Canada Day.

The Ottawa government worker and his daughter Victoria, three months shy of her fourth birthday, may be among a projected 100,000 people on Parliament Hill when Queen Elizabeth II addresses the nation July 1.

The speech, one of four by the Queen during her nine days in Canada, will anchor a frenetic tour that takes the monarch from Halifax to Winnipeg and back to southern Ontario.

Barliszen himself was four years old in July, 1959, when "a big strapping Mountie in red serge came and hoisted me onto his shoulders" in Saskatoon to see the young Queen Elizabeth, then making just her second trip to Canada as the reigning monarch.

More than half a century later, she's back for her 22nd official tour as Queen.

"I do recall seeing the Queen, the coat, the bonnet. That memory has just stuck with me, stayed with me," Barliszen said.

"I do recall seeing the Queen, the coat, the bonnet. That memory has just stuck with me."
Roger Barliszen

He hopes young Victoria gets a glimpse of the Queen — either at Rideau Hall for a tree-planting June 30 or on Parliament Hill — to carry on a "family tradition."

The Queen starts her tour Monday in Halifax helping celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Canadian navy.

Matters wrap up on July 6 in Toronto.

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Flashback: With Whistler Mountain in the background, Queen Elizabeth waves to the crowd in Jasper, Alta., in 2005.

Premier to CSIS chief: Explain

FUROR Nova Scotia's premier wants the head of Canada's spy agency to explain remarks about the influence of foreign governments, even though Dick Fadden backed away from his comments.

Premier Darrell Dexter said Fadden's comments were "deeply troubling" because they questioned the loyalty of Canadian politicians.

"I just think they are extraordinarily regrettable and there needs to be a full explanation as to why they were made in the first place," said Dexter.

Fadden, director of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, said he was in the process of warning at least two provinces, through the Privy Council Office, that members of their cabinets are under the influence of foreign governments. Later he appeared to backpedal, denying the Privy Council had been told. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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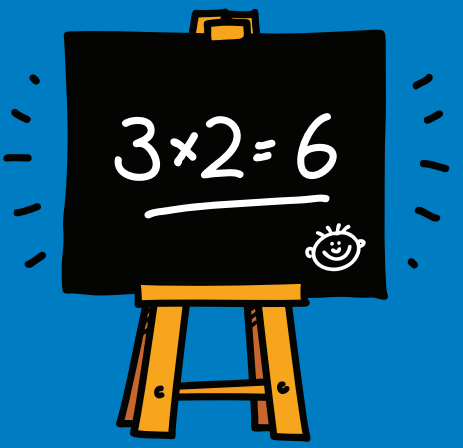

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Via Rail workers' union gives strike notice

The union representing many workers at Via Rail is turning up the pressure on the management at the bargaining table. The Canadian Auto Workers has given 72 hour strike notice following the company's latest proposal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Court sets aside 3 of Black's convictions

LAW An American court ruling could lift some of the tarnish from former Canadian media baron Conrad Black's name, but is unlikely to lead to his exoneration and release from prison.

The U.S. Supreme Court set aside three of Black's convictions of mail fraud and sent them back to a lower court on the basis that a law used to convict Black of fraud — and others of white collar crimes — was too broad.

It has left ultimate resolution of Black's case to an appeals court, which means his fraud convictions still stand until dealt with there.

Black is likely to gain some satisfaction from the ruling, but the fraud convictions are the least of his worries, said Chicago lawyer Andrew Stoltmann, who closely watched Black's trial. A fourth conviction for obstruction of justice will keep him behind bars.

"I don't think he's going anywhere any time soon."
Andrew Stoltmann, Chicago lawyer

"I don't think he's going anywhere any time soon," Stoltmann said in a telephone interview.

"The fact that he's convicted on the obstruction of justice charge is a horribly bad fact for him. I think he's going to get some time shaved off of his sentence, but the entire conviction will not be overturned." The Black ruling was handed down alongside a ruling on former Enron CEO Jeffrey Skilling.

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Wildrose Alliance eyes takeover of Albertan right

The Wildrose Alliance, a right-of-centre party challenging Alberta's dominant Progressive Conservatives, has its official coming out this weekend and leader Danielle Smith says it will be imperative to set the tone as a government in waiting.

"It is a critical juncture for our party," said Smith in an interview. "We've got a growing membership, we're establishing our constituency associations and now we're really going to be able to come together for the first time and see what this new, big-tent conservative party looks like."

About 400 voting members of the Wildrose are to meet at a hotel in Red Deer on Friday and Saturday for their annual general meeting to debate more than 40 resolutions and elect executive members.

The Wildrose has three elected legislature members compared with 68 for Premier Ed Stelmach's Tories in the 83-seat legislature.

But the party has made waves in popular opinion polls since electing Smith leader last fall.

Critics have tried to paint the Wildrose as a fringe group that will become hostage to special interest groups and the Christian right.

Smith said that's not the case and suggested a proposed resolution at the conference to stop publicly funded abortion won't even make it to the floor.

"Our party is open to a whole range of people who come at politics from a whole range of perspectives," she said.

The party's platform is a mix of fiscal and social conservatism.

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Reactions

- The party has matched or, in the case of Calgary, beaten the Tories in recent surveys with high ratings for Smith, a businesswoman and former journalist. The boost has come largely at the expense of the Tories.

No sweat on leadership change: Officials

MILITARY An abrupt change in American military leadership in Afghanistan isn't likely to create a problem for the Canadian component of the NATO mission, officials say.

Local political leaders, however, say it's critical that Gen. Stanley McChrystal's replacement as head of the NATO mission, celebrated Iraq commander Gen. David Petraeus, press ahead with his predecessor's focus on minimizing civilian casualties in order to maintain public support for NATO's security efforts.

U.S. President Barack Obama accepted McChrystal's resignation Wednesday in the wake of disparaging comments that he and his top aides made about Obama and his national security team in a forthcoming article in Rolling Stone magazine.

Obama named Petraeus — already the architect of a troop surge in Iraq that's credited with dramatically reducing violence in that country — as McChrystal's replacement.

Afghanistan's own political leadership has already expressed its dismay.

Afghan President Hamid Karzai's younger half-brother, Ahmad Wali Karzai — the head of the Kandahar provincial council — expressed support for McChrystal, who imposed rigid restrictions on the use of deadly force in an effort to reduce civilian casualties."He did much good work and was really committed to the Afghan cause," he said.

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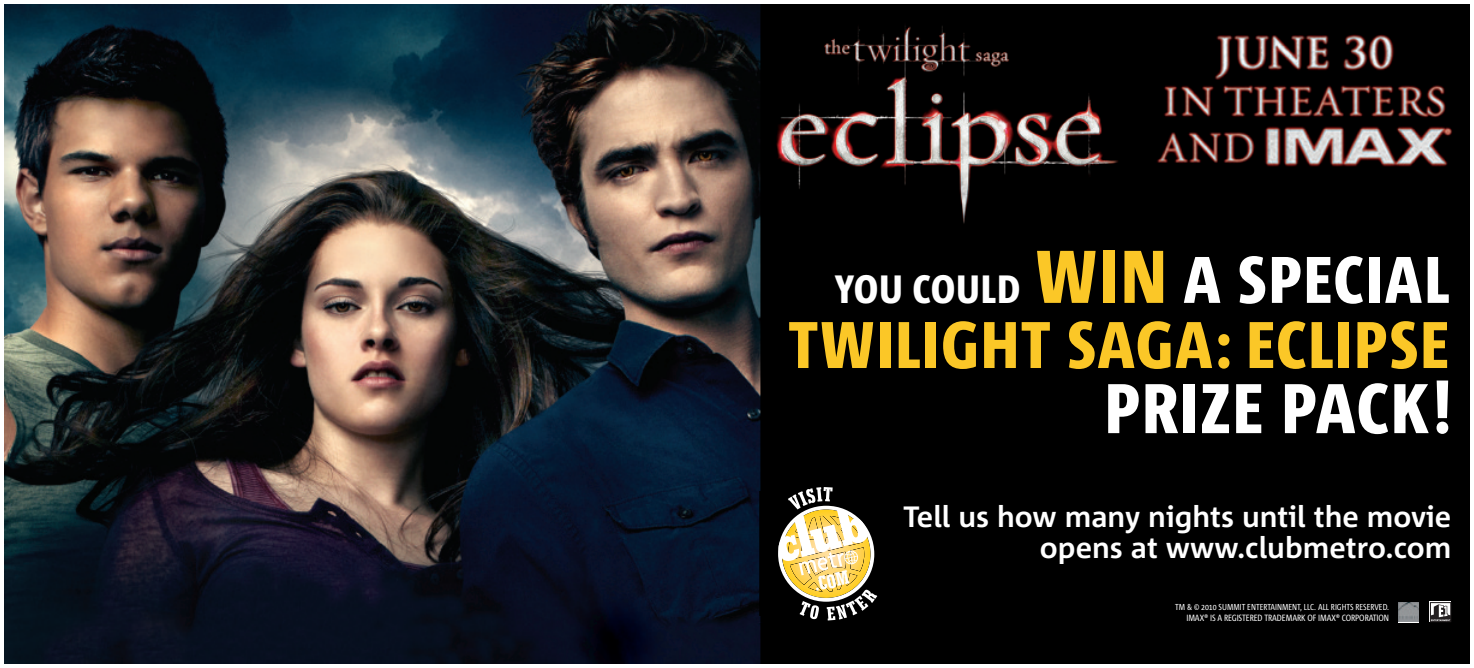
Canadian Gen. Walter Natynczyk, left, chief of defence staff, talks to Gen. David Petraeus, commander of US CENTCOM, as the pair tour a Canadian military display at the Calgary Stampede, in this file photo. Canadian military officials predict a seamless transfer of authority in Afghanistan.



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Washington state police say they caught a man making a slow getaway on a stolen riding mower. The Tri-City Herald reports officers responding to a burglary call Tuesday found a 31-year-old man riding the mower in the street, pulling a trailer of other lawn care equipment. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Reputed drug lord to be extradited

Jamaican gang leader Christopher (Dudus) Coke agreed to be extradited to the United States on Thursday, saying it was in the best interest of his family and country. Coke, whose supporters clashed with security forces last month in street battles that killed 76 people, waived his right to an extradition trial at his first appearance before a Jamaican judge. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Blood everywhere'

Partiers killed by high-speed train on Spanish coast

The last thing they heard was the piercing whistle of an oncoming train.

Moments later, dozens of mostly Latin American immigrants who crossed the tracks instead of using an underground passageway to reach a beach party in a seaside resort were dead or injured, their body parts strewn among the rails.

The express train that barrelled through the station in northeastern Spain plowed into a group of young men and women that included Ecuadoreans, Chileans, Colombians and Bolivians — leaving 13 people dead, injuring 14 and turning a night of celebration into carnage.

Spain's deadliest train accident since 2003 took place during a nationwide ritual on the longest day of the year called Noche de San Juan, or the night of St. John.

> **"The euphoria of getting off the train immediately became screams."**
> Marcelo Cardona

The crowd got off a commuter train in the beach resort of Castelldefels, a 20-minute train ride outside of Barcelona, shortly before midnight Wednesday. Many jammed an underpass leading to the beach, but about 30 others climbed down from the platform and tried to scurry across the tracks, witnesses said.

Seconds later, a long-distance train that does not stop at the station crashed into the youths at high speed as its drivers sounded the whistle.

Marcelo Cardona, who was on the train, said everyone aboard had been looking forward to dancing around a bonfire on the Mediterranean shore.

"The euphoria of getting off the train immediately became screams. There were people screaming, 'My daughter! My sister!'" said Cardona, a 34-year-old Bolivian. He said he saw "mutilated people, blood everywhere, blood on the platform."

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Washington **Burger diplomacy**

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U.S. President Barack Obama and Russian President Dmitry Medvedev make an unscheduled visit to Ray's Hell Burger in Arlington, Va., near Washington on Thursday. Obama had a cheeseburger with cheddar, onion, lettuce, tomato and pickles. Medvedev had a cheeseburger with cheddar, onion, jalapenos and mushrooms.

French delegates face bumpy stay?

STRIKES Hotel workers who walked off the job Thursday at the Novotel Toronto Centre say they'll "stand down" if contract talks resume.

The about 80 workers walked off the job just as members of the G20 French delegation were to arrive. The hotel is run by the French company, Accor.

In a letter, Novotel workers called for a resumption of talks.

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News in brief

MONACO A day after surprising Monaco with an engagement announcement, Prince Albert II says he'll be marrying in about a year — the summer of 2011. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Fundraising cyclist killed on road

A 19-year-old man biking across the U.S. to raise awareness and money for breast cancer research was struck and killed by an SUV in New Mexico. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLAUDE PARIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Steel workers from the nearby Fos-sur-Mer ArcelorMittal plant join a protest in Marseille, southern France, on Thursday. French transport workers, teachers, postal workers and others are on strike to protest President Nicolas Sarkozy's plans to raise the retirement age to 62.

French take to the streets over reforms

Trains stood still and children played instead of studied as workers around France went on strike Thursday to protest President Nicolas Sarkozy's plans to raise the retirement age to 62.

Neighbouring countries suffered along with Paris commuters, as walkouts by drivers delayed or cancelled trains from Italy and Switzerland. Some flights were dropped or delayed.

Boisterous crowds of protesters filled Marseille's port and wide Paris avenues, as unions staged nearly 200 marches in several cities over a broad reform to the money-losing pension system, part of efforts around Europe to cut back on growing debts.

"Sarkozy, Don't Touch our Pensions!" read one banner at the Paris march, near a cardboard coffin marked: "Here lies Roger. He's 60, and he died before getting his retirement."

The ranks of demonstrators swelled in comparison to a similar protest May 27. The Interior Ministry put the number of protesters around France at 797,000 — double the number of people in the streets in May.

Police say 47,000 people marched in the French capital, while the powerful CGT union put the number at 130,000. They said least 25,000 people marched in Bordeaux and at least 16,000 turned out in Marseille — a figure organizers sneered at as blatantly false.

"It's a rather strong mobilization," Labour Minister Eric Woerth conceded on RTL radio. "But the reform is ambitious."

Demonstrating his concern about the state of public finances, Sarkozy is cancelling the annual garden party for Bastille Day on July 14, citing the high cost of the glamorous event that is an annual mainstay.

Unions say money for the pension system should come from higher taxes or charges on those who are still working, and see cost-cutting in the pension system as an attack on a hard-fought way of life.

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Early retirement?

- France has one of Europe's lowest retirement ages, allowing workers to retire at 60 in most sectors.
- The government says the reform to the money-losing pension system is an "obligation," given France's burgeoning deficit and its aging population.

Clinic allows women to sort sperm donors by lifestyle

ELISABETH BRAW
Metro World News

HEALTH Women may not need to bother finding a husband soon.

A Washington, D.C., hospital has taken sperm donations one step further. It is allowing women to select sperm donors according to their lifestyle.

"Most sperm banks allow customers to search for donors according to race and ethnicity," said Dr. Michelle Ottey, laboratory director at Fairfax Cryobank. "But people looking for a sperm donor look for a whole person, not just appearance."

"People looking for a sperm donor look for a whole person."
Dr. Michelle Ottey

Now Fairfax Cryobank, one of the U.S.'s largest sperm banks, has introduced a new search tool that features not just vital details, but categories ranging from religion to sports.

Users can decide whether they want a donor who likes to cook or paint, prefers fish as pets, wants to help the environment, likes to help people, and everything in between.

After selecting a donor at Fairfax Cryobank's website, customers can simply click on a button to order the sperm.

Beloved tiger dies at zoo

The San Francisco Zoo's beloved Siberian tiger, Tony, has died. At 18 years and three months, Tony was the second-oldest male Siberian in North America. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Palin's legal defence fund deemed illegal

Donors will get money back after investigation

Thousands of donors who contributed to a $390,000 legal defence fund for former Alaska governor Sarah Palin will get their money back after an investigator said Thursday the fund was illegal because it was misleadingly described on a website.

State Personnel Board investigator Timothy Petumenos said the Alaska Trust Fund inappropriately used the word "official" on its website, wrongly implying that it was endorsed by Palin in her role as governor.

But Petumenos also found that Palin — the 2008 Republican vice-presidential nominee — acted in good faith and relied on a team of attorneys to make sure the fund was lawful and complied with the Alaska Executive Branch Act.

> **"(Sarah Palin) never instructed anybody to do anything that would not comply with federal law or state law."**
> Thomas Van Flein, attorney

Palin's attorney, Thomas Van Flein, said the trust brought in almost $390,000 before Palin stepped down as governor July 26, 2009. More than $33,000 has since been donated, but Van Flein said that money will go toward $87,680 the trust has incurred in administrative and other expenses.

"She supports this process 100 per cent, and I think she agreed to this resolution cause it was the right thing to do," Van Flein said. "She never instructed anybody to do anything that would not comply with federal law or state law."

Another defence fund was set up Thursday for Palin as a private citizen to pay off the rest of the debt.

Palin's supporters created the Alaska Fund Trust in April 2009, limiting donations to $150 per person.

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Philippines **Rambunctious revellers**

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Revellers douse a female motorcyclist with water during the celebration of the feast of Saint John the Baptist on Thursday in San Juan City, east of Manila, Philippines.

News in brief

PAKISTAN Five young American Muslims were convicted of plotting terrorist attacks and sentenced to 10 years in jail Thursday in a case that highlights concerns about Westerners travelling to Pakistan to connect with with al-Qaida and other extremist groups.

RESCUE A man who apparently passed out on a pool float at a Tampa-area beach ended up drifting about a mile from Florida's shore in the Gulf of Mexico. The U.S. Coast Guard rescued the man on Wednesday afternoon.

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Decision to expel Hamas politicians risks new crisis

JERUSALEM Israel's decision to expel four Hamas politicians from Jerusalem has threatened to set off a new crisis over the disputed city and could hinder U.S. efforts to restart peace talks.

The expulsions of the three Palestinian lawmakers and a former Cabinet minister could start as early as Friday. Israel has not said where they would be sent, but the West Bank is a possible destination.

Israel revoked their Jerusalem residency rights in 2006 and arrested them because they belong to Hamas, the Islamic militant group that controls the Gaza Strip and has carried out scores of deadly attacks against Israelis.

Human rights activists said Israel has never before stripped Palestinians of Jerusalem residency due to political affiliation.

"This is a very dangerous precedent," said Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. "We won't accept it."

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It's not the boob tube anymore

InDefenceOf

At last week's Banff World Television festival, Minister of Culture and Community Spirit Lindsay Blackett questioned a panel of experts about Canadian TV and asked: "Why do we make such s–t here?" This started an interesting conversation among Canadians about the quality of our TV shows, but the real question should be: "Who is to blame?"

While Blackett's statements were directly about television, many of those who work in the industry also work in other areas of the arts. The statement inevitably blanketed the entire entertainment industry in a completely unfair and archaic light. Quite frankly, the people who still think Canadian television is as bad as it used to be are probably the ones who also refuse to pay for music or download movies illegally. For any industry to survive we need to show it as much support as possible.

If the minister thinks the television industry is producing "s–t," he has no one but his own government to blame. Earlier this year, the faculty of fine arts at the University of Calgary was quietly merged with the new faculty of arts. With it came job abolishments, which now leaves many fine arts students without the support they deserve. These layoffs were mostly due to the lack of funding the government no longer provides to the ailing university. If these students are not receiving a quality education, how can they be expected to produce anything that meets Blackett's standards?

After his remarks, I find it sad that so many students and professionals can no longer rely on the minister's unconditional support. Luckily, you and I both know that our city's actors, singers, artists and dancers are stronger and braver than we can ever imagine.

I spent the last week in Toronto visiting television sets. I was astonished at how shows like Being Erica, Degrassi and a new show called Lost Girl were able to film, mostly on government funding. After spending a few days talking to actors, producers and writers, I'm more than happy to report that Blackett is 100 per cent unequivocally wrong.

Instead of telling the world that not even the government supports its own product, our minister should have said how supportive he is of our nation's television shows.

There are dozens of ways of telling people they are doing a great job and at the same time imply they can always strive to do better. Trust me, my parents are professionals at it.

Mike Morrison writes daily about all things Canadian entertainment on the award-winning Mike's Bloggity Blog.

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Human element behind Air India probe

Voices

The long-awaited release of the Air India 182 report held little solace for the families of the 280 Canadians and 49 others who died over the Irish Sea June 23, 1985. Sixteen years before 9-11, it was at the time the deadliest terrorist attack in North American history.

I know a little about this case because I lived it. In fact, it directly altered the course of my life. My father was a lead RCMP investigator on the simultaneous Tokyo Narita Airport bombing, which killed two baggage handlers. While he's never specifically told me, I'm fairly certain the toll the investigation took on my dad convinced him to ultimately take retirement five years earlier than he would have — meaning we had to move again.

While the recent final report on Air India rightfully placed blame on CSIS and the RCMP for failing to prevent both disasters, it's worth noting there were many fine investigators, including my father, who helped produce the only criminal conviction in either case — proving in court in 1991 that Inderjit Singh Reyat built the bomb that blew apart Japanese bag handlers Hideo Asano and Hideharu Koda. But in a country where many dismissed Air India 182 as an "Indian" tragedy, Narita would never get much media play in Canada.

It's long been suspected, but never proven, that Reyat was involved with the Air India bomb as well, perhaps something lost in the inexcusable disconnect between the then-new intelligence establishment and the national police force. CSIS had only been created less than a year earlier, virtually all its staff transplants from the old RCMP Security Service. A retired RCMP and CSIS person once told me that despite the shared roots, there were still areas of distrust between the two agencies. Why is anybody's guess.

There's no question the flaws of the RCMP and CSIS were, and are, deserving of criticism. But remember, they are both staffed with humans, people who work hard and succeed at protecting lives in obscurity, often at great personal cost. And only get attention when they screw up.

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Profits up for RIM
Research In Motion Ltd. reported an increase in quarterly profits Thursday as its revenue grew by 24 per cent compared with a year ago. The BlackBerry maker said it earned $768.9 million US or $1.38 per diluted share for the quarter ended May 29 compared with a profit of $643 million or $1.12 per diluted share a year ago. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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New iPhone sells out

Apple Inc.'s newest iPhone was selling briskly Thursday as thousands lined up outside stores around the world to snag one amid concerns of supply shortages.

Some stores including ones in Tokyo, Miami, San Francisco and Charlotte, N.C., sold out within hours as the iPhone 4 went on sale in the U.S., France, Germany, the U.K. and Japan. Apple called the demand for the phone "off the charts" and said it's working hard to get phones into customers' hands as quickly as possible.

The smartphone is slated to go on sale in Canada in late July.

Sean Hill, 39, a Washington police officer who pre-ordered an iPhone, smiled and proudly held it up for the crowd to see as he left the newly opened Apple store.

"I'm like a kid in a candy store," Hill said. "I'm probably going to spend all morning playing with it."

More than 600,000 people had rushed to pre-order iPhones on the first day they were available, prompting Apple and its exclusive wireless partner in the U.S., AT&T Inc., to stop taking orders for pick-up or shipment by Thursday's launch. On Apple's website, new orders weren't promised for delivery until July 14.

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Apple store employees in Chicago greet the first customers as they arrive for their new Apple iPhone 4, released Thursday.

Those who didn't place an iPhone 4 order had to line up outside Apple stores Thursday in the hopes of snagging one on a first-come, first-served basis. Customers in line were left guessing about whether they'd get one.

"They have been advertising and hyping for months," administrative assistant Jasmine Cordova, 25, said outside New York's Fifth Avenue store. "They should make sure to stock enough."

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Stronach share deal in question

MAGNA A controversial multimillion-dollar plan to buy voting control of Magna International away from founder Frank Stronach will be dead for good if regulators quash it before a shareholder vote next week, a lawyer for the auto parts maker said Thursday.

"To say, 'Go away and try and do the process again' is Disney World ... what that might accomplish is the deal would go away and never be brought forward again," Sam Rickett told an Ontario Securities Commission hearing.

OSC staff have called the proposal "contrary to the public interest and harmful to the integrity of the Ontario capital markets." They have said Magna needs to provide shareholders with several pieces of information before they can make an informed decision.

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Banks drop mortgage rates

BANKING Two of Canada's big banks are dropping most of their posted mortgage rates, starting Friday.

RBC Royal Bank and TD Canada Trust say they will shave one-tenth of a point off most their posted fixed-term mortgages.

The announcement leaves the banks' variable-rate mortgages where they were.

Canadian banks raise or lower their rates for fixed-term mortgages in response to trends on the bond markets.

In contrast variable-rate mortgages go up or down when the banks adjust their prime rates.

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Toyoda apologizes to shareholders

AUTOS Toyota Motor Corp. president Akio Toyoda bowed deeply and apologized to shareholders Thursday for the troubles caused by massive global recalls of the company's vehicles.

Toyoda was facing shareholders for the first time since the Japanese automaker's reputation for quality was damaged by the recall crisis that started last October.

Toyota has been working to patch up its reputation after more than eight million vehicles were recalled worldwide over reports of unintended acceleration and other defects. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Key match for Spain

Chile is standing in the way of Spain's lofty World Cup hopes as the European champions go into their final Group H match Friday needing a victory to secure a spot in the round of 16. Chile, with six points, needs only a draw at Loftus Versfeld to win the group. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World Cup

Roster moves likely

Brazil is likely to make two changes for its final Group G match against Portugal Friday, with Julio Baptista, left, replacing the suspended Kaka and Daniel Alves coming in for the injured Elano. Elano remains doubtful after injuring his right ankle against the Ivorians. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Slovakia defies odds, progresses

UPSET Robert Vittek and his Slovakian team were in last place in the group and had to get past defending champion Italy to reach the second round of the World Cup, so calling them longshots was overstating their chances.

Two goals from Vittek stunned the Italians at Ellis Park and helped Slovakia to a 3-2 victory on Thursday that turned the football world upside down.

The Italians were eliminated, finishing last in the group, and Slovakia progressed to the round of 16 for the first time in its own right.

"We came here as newcomers and outsiders," Vittek said. "But we have already surprised once and we want to do it again. We really have moved the limits of Slovak football somewhere else.

"We couldn't have dreamed about this ... we showed everybody we are capable of achieving this."

What surprised the players was just how comfortable it was against Italy.

The only threat from the Italy came in the last 15 minutes, by which time Vittek had given the Slovaks a two-goal cushion.

Even the late signs of Italian potency were quickly repelled by solid defending. Kamil Kopunek added a third for Slovakia after Antonio Di Natale pulled one back for Italy. The Slovaks clung on despite Fabio Quagliarella's second goal for the holders.

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Italy coach takes blame

Says his winless Azzuri played with 'fear in their legs'

Marcello Lippi delivered a scathing verdict on his humiliated team Thursday after Italy was sent tumbling out of the World Cup by Slovakia, confessing he failed to motivate his aging squad that had played with fear.

After the defending champion was eliminated Thursday without winning a game in one of the tournament's easiest groups, the veteran Italy coach had to accept the truth that everyone else had seen.

"I take full responsibility," Lippi said after the 3-2 loss to Slovakia. "I thought this team could do more and that's what I prepared it to do, but when you see a team that plays with fear in their legs and in their hearts you understand that you have failed."

Save for the final 10 minutes against Slovakia, Italy's attack was confused and unable to hit the target. Lippi started all three group games with different formations but could never find the right formula.

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Italy's Fabio Quagliarella holds his face Thursday after a scuffle with Slovakia 'keeper Jan Mucha.

"It's my fault," Lippi added. "I wasn't able to motivate the team. When something like this happens, it's always the leader's fault. I thought I played an important role when the team won, so it's only fair to have had just as big an impact in this failure."

Lippi led Italy to the 2006 title, when the Azzurri conceded only two goals over seven matches. This time they let in five goals in just three games, with 36-year-old captain Fabio Cannavaro responsible in part for the first two in the opening 1-1 draws with Paraguay and 78th-ranked New Zealand.

Nine players on the squad were 30 or older.

"It's everyone's fault, not just Lippi's. We've all got to be accountable," defender Gianluca Zambrotta said. "When you finish last in a group with New Zealand, Paraguay and Slovakia, with all respect to those teams, it's only right to go home."

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Star-spangled underdogs winning fans

For Canadians it's difficult to side with Americans when it comes to fun and games.

It's an even more problematic alliance at global sporting summits.

In the beloved passion of hockey, at the most critical moments, the men and women clad in uniforms bearing "Old Glory" present the greatest threat to those who don the Maple Leaf.

The same is true of the Olympics. The Americans have the most money and deepest talent pool, thus they tend to win the lion's share of medals. That reality turns out to be the only asterisk to stain the success column of a wildly successful home Games in Vancouver.

But things are different somehow at the World Cup.

In a tournament where the European masters of "football" consider themselves insiders and where the South American magicians from Brazil and Argentina rightly claim the "It's in our blood" card, the Yankees are the plucky upstarts.

And for that reason, they are winning rave reviews north of the border.

There's something attractive about the swashbuckling style of soccer the Americans play. It was thrilling to watch — no, it was inspiring — and even better, the victory by the United States seemed like justice.

All along, the Americans had stuck to their guns in spite of those who conspired against them.

There were goals against mighty England that were said to be "gifted" and other goals rightfully scored that were taken away.

But the Americans didn't complain much. They chalked it up to the breaks of the game.

In a way, the Americans are outsiders at the World Cup. They come from a continent that is not considered to be the heartland of the sport.

In that respect they are very much like Canadians. But these American athletes are proving there's hope for those who live on the frontier of football.

The star-spangled boys of soccer are playing the role of underdogs and winning friends fast.

Landon Donovan

Gemini Award winner Scott Russell is the host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. He has covered a variety of sports including nine Olympic Games and also hosted the 2010 World Cup.

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Police on alert for England's match versus Germany
Extra security will be enforced at the England versus Germany round of 16 encounter at the World Cup. South Africa police describe it as a "high priority" match. England and Germany will meet Sunday at the Free State Stadium in Bloemfontein, which has a relatively small capacity of 40,911. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World Cup

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Klaas Jan Huntelaar of the Netherlands scores his side's second goal in Thursday's Group E match against Cameroon at Green Point Stadium in Cape Town, South Africa.

Dutch win third straight

GROUP E RESULT

Netherlands 2 Cameroon 1

VS

The Netherlands produced its first flair and finesse of the World Cup on Thursday, beating already eliminated Cameroon 2-1 in Group E.

Robin Van Persie finished off an end-to-end move in the 36th minute and substitute Arjen Robben rifled a shot off the post in the 83rd minute that Klaas Jan Huntelaar tapped in.

In between, Samuel Eto'o scored from the penalty spot for Cameroon in the 65th.

"Our play was good," Van Persie said. "We can be really pleased with this."

The Dutch won the group with nine points and will face Slovakia in the round of 16 on Monday in Durban. Japan also advanced from the group, beating Denmark 3-1 and eliminating the Danes.

Playing with poise and confidence, the Dutch often thrilled the crowd of 63,093 with their creative moves. Yet Eto'o and Cameroon still were able to pierce the defence and threaten goalkeeper Maarten Stekelenburg.

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Ronaldo likely to start

GROUP G PREVIEW

Portugal vs. Brazil

VS

Portugal coach Carlos Queiroz doesn't think he can afford to leave Cristiano Ronaldo out of the starting lineup for Friday's World Cup group match against Brazil, despite the threat of suspension facing his star.

"I can't consider the bookings that have been made, but only the technical aspects of my team and those of the Brazilians," Queiroz said Thursday.

Queiroz warned Brazil could "tear us apart" if his team's defensive game slips.

Queiroz was highly critical of Ronaldo's booking during Portugal's opening 0-0 draw against Ivory Coast. He argued that refereeing errors are hurting the quality of games.

Brazil has already qualified for the round of 16 with two wins, while Portugal has four points and can only miss out on the next stage if it loses and Ivory Coast thrashes North Korea.

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Old rivals set to build on rich history

ROUND 2 PREVIEW

Germany vs. England

VS

Another Germany vs. England confrontation looms at the World Cup, and that will bring back memories of classic moments that include a disputed goal in the final, the English losing a 2-0 lead, and a dramatic penalty shootout win for the Germans.

The two teams meet in the last 16 Sunday and could well write another chapter in one of World Cup soccer's most famous rivalries.

The 2010 version of this famous matchup has England climbing out of a surprisingly poor spell of form to reach the last 16 with an encouragingly better performance in beating Slovenia 1-0 at Port Elizabeth Wednesday.

Fabio Capello's team finished second in Group C while the Germans got there by finishing on top of Group D with a 4-0 victory over Australia and a 1-0 triumph over Ghana, losing 1-0 in between to Serbia.

If the Germans recapture the form they showed against the Australians, England's defence is in for a tough time.

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Shinji Okazaki of Japan scores his side's third goal in Thursday's Group E match against Denmark at the Royal Bafokeng Stadium in Rustenburg, South Africa.

Japan rides free kicks to round two

GROUP E RESULT

Japan 3 Denmark 1

VS

19 The Danes had 19 shots on goal to Japan's 15.

Take a bow, Japan. Better yet, take two. You've advanced at the World Cup.

Spectacular first-half goals by Keisuke Honda and Yusuhito Endo helped lift the Japanese to a 3-1 win over Denmark on Thursday, sending Japan into the round of 16.

It was an energetic performance by the Japanese, who collected just their second tournament victory on foreign soil.

When the game was over, the happy team bowed like a chorus line before its joyous fans on each side of the field.

"For Japan it's a big win," Honda said. "I'm glad we won but I am not satisfied. The next game is more important. I want to show the Japanese that nothing is impossible."

The Danes, who replied in the 81st minute when Jon Dahl Tomasson tapped in the rebound from his own penalty kick, failed to advance from the group stage for the first time in four World Cup appearances.

Japan's first two goals came from free kicks less than 15 minutes apart, and Shinji Okazaki scored an insurance goal in the 87th.

The Japanese finished group play with six points compared to three for third-place Denmark. Cameroon was last in the group won by the Netherlands.

The Japanese have now reached the knockout round for the second time. They also advanced in 2002, when they were tournament co-hosts with South Korea.

Japan will face Paraguay in Pretoria on Tuesday in the second round.

"Our team has a strength that others don't have," Japan coach Takeshi Okada said. "We are truly united. We wanted to demonstrate that soccer is a team sport."

The industrious Japanese defence mostly crowded out the Denmark attack, though, while the pace of Hasebe and Honda was a constant threat for the Danish defence.

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Swiss captain sees an open field

"There aren't just underdogs and favourites anymore."
Alex Frei, Switzerland captain

PARITY Switzerland captain Alex Frei says the gap between traditional football powers and the rest of the world is shrinking.

The Switzerland striker pointed to defending champion Italy's 3-2 loss to Slovakia on Thursday, and says "there aren't just underdogs and favourites anymore."

Switzerland pulled off one of the biggest upsets of the tournament so far, beating European champion Spain 1-0 in its opener. It was only Spain's second loss in 50 games.

Despite that result, Frei warned not to discount the Spanish, who must beat Chile on Friday to advance to the round of 16.

"It would be disastrous not to look at Spain as a favourite," the 30-year-old striker said. "Just take a look at the players they have, take a look at the football they play.

"I'm sure that they are going to put their foot down and leave their mark on this tournament."

Switzerland can secure a spot in the next round with a two-goal win over Honduras on Friday.

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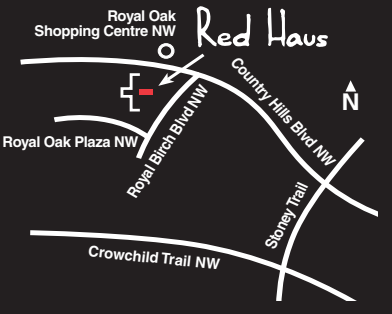

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New Zealand coach sees the bright side

New Zealand coach Ricki Herbert has every reason to be proud of his team, despite its first-round elimination at the World Cup.

The All Whites remained unbeaten in three games and finished above defending champion Italy, but still saw their second visit to the World Cup come to an early end after a 0-0 draw with Paraguay on Thursday.

"There is no good way to leave the World Cup," before the final, Herbert said. "But leaving together with Italy and (2006 finalist) France can't be too bad."

Italy was also eliminated after losing to Slovakia 3-2 and finishing last in Group F.

The French went out after losses to Mexico and South Africa in Group A.

New Zealand players left the pitch at Peter Mokaba Stadium with their heads up high.

Disappointed? Yes. But also proud after finally making their mark in international soccer and earning their first World Cup points.

"It's quite emotional for us," said Herbert, who has guided the team since 2005 and was a member of the only other New Zealand squad to play at the World Cup. "It was our second time at the World Cup and to completely reverse what we've done before is quite amazing. The future looks bright for the team."

Herbert was a defender on the New Zealand squad which lost three times and was outscored 12-2 by Scotland, Soviet Union and Brazil at the 1982 World Cup.

Its main mission in South Africa was to put football back in the spotlight in New Zealand, where rugby is the national sport.

"We've created something huge," Herbert said. "The players stayed on the pitch today, absolutely thankful for all the support. So many people came out here and cheered for them, and millions have watched back home."

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Ricki Herbert, head coach of New Zealand, consoles Winston Reid Thursday after a goalless draw with Paraguay and elimination from the World Cup.

Raise for a job well done

- Ricki Herbert declined to comment on a report in Wellington's Dominican-Post newspaper that he, reportedly the lowest-paid manager at the World Cup, could be in for a substantial pay raise. According to the newspaper, Herbert earns about $37,000 a year for coaching the All Whites, a figure that pales against the seven-figure salaries of his famous rivals.

SCOREBOARD

GROUP A

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
x-Uruguay	3	2	1	0	4	0	7
x-Mexico	3	1	1	1	3	2	4
South Africa	3	1	1	1	3	5	4
France	3	0	1	2	1	4	1

GROUP B

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
x-Argentina	3	3	0	0	7	1	9
x-South Korea	3	1	1	1	5	6	4
Greece	3	1	0	2	2	5	3
Nigeria	3	0	1	2	3	5	1

GROUP C

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
x-U.S.	3	1	2	0	4	3	5
x-England	3	1	2	0	2	1	5
Slovenia	3	1	1	1	3	3	4
Algeria	3	0	1	2	0	2	1

GROUP D

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
x-Germany	3	2	0	1	5	1	6
x-Ghana	3	1	1	1	2	2	4
Australia	3	1	1	1	3	6	4
Serbia	3	1	0	2	2	3	3

GROUP E

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
x-Netherlands	3	3	0	0	5	1	9
x-Japan	3	2	0	1	4	2	6
Denmark	3	1	0	2	3	6	3
Cameroon	3	0	0	3	2	5	0

THURSDAY RESULTS
Japan 3 Denmark 1
Netherlands 2 Cameroon 1

GROUP F

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
x-Paraguay	3	1	2	0	3	1	5
x-Slovakia	3	1	1	1	4	5	4
New Zealand	3	0	3	0	2	2	3
Italy	3	0	2	1	4	5	2

THURSDAY RESULTS
Slovakia 3 Italy 2
Paraguay 0 New Zealand 0

GROUP G

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
x-Brazil	2	2	0	0	5	2	6
Portugal	2	1	1	0	7	0	4
Ivory Coast	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
North Korea	2	0	0	2	1	9	0

FRIDAY GAMES
Portugal vs. Brazil, 8 a.m.
North Korea vs. Ivory Coast, 8 a.m.

GROUP H

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Chile	2	2	0	0	2	0	6
Spain	2	1	0	1	2	1	3
Switzerland	2	1	0	1	1	1	3
Honduras	2	0	0	2	0	3	0

FRIDAY GAMES
Chile vs. Spain, 12:30 p.m.
Switzerland vs. Honduras, 12:30 p.m.
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ROUND OF 16

SATURDAY GAMES
Uruguay vs. South Korea, 8 a.m.
U.S. vs. Ghana, 12:30 p.m.
SUNDAY GAMES
Germany vs. England, 8 a.m.
Argentina vs. Mexico, 12:30 p.m.
MONDAY GAMES
Netherlands vs. Slovakia, 8 a.m.
First G vs. Second H, 12:30 p.m.

'We have to be intelligent'

ROUND 2 PREVIEW

Mexico vs. Argentina

VS

Mexico midfielder Gerardo Torrado says his team needs to emphasize intelligence over passion to overcome Argentina in the second round of the World Cup.

Torrado called Argentina forward Lionel Messi "the best or one of the best in the world" but cautioned "he alone is not Argentina."

Torrado said, "We have to be intelligent and not go loco, work together to able to cancel this individual skill."

The teams play Sunday.

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Ramsay to coach Thrashers

Craig Ramsay is the fifth coach in Atlanta Thrashers' history. General manager Rick Dudley said Ramsay, 59, has been hired as the team's coach. He replaces John Anderson. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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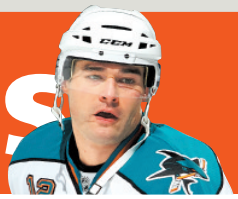

Marleau re-ups

The San Jose Sharks have re-signed forwards Patrick Marleau, left, and Joe Pavelski. Both deals are for four years, with Marleau's worth $27.6 million US and Pavelski's worth $16 million.

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Washington welcomes Wall

John Wall is ready to go to Washington and clean up the Wizards.

And he's expected to have more backcourt help when he gets there — whether or not Gilbert Arenas is still around.

The Wizards selected Wall with the No. 1 pick in the NBA draft and agreed to a trade for another guard Thursday, hoping they've found players who can help them quickly bounce back from a season that was embarrassing on the court and in the locker-room.

"I feel like I had pressure since I became No. 1 in high school and was one of the top players," Wall said. "I always got there hungry, wanting to fight hard and compete in every game, so when I step on the court I'm going to take on any challenge there."

Wall, the SEC player of the year, is the first Kentucky player ever chosen first overall.

The pick came shortly after a person familiar with the deal told The Associated Press that the Chicago Bulls had agreed to trade veteran guard Kirk Hinrich and the 17th pick in the draft, Kevin Seraphin, to the Wizards.

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Raptors

- The Toronto Raptors selected University of North Carolina forward Ed Davis with the 13th pick. Davis stands at six-foot-10 and weighs 225 pounds.

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NBA commissioner David Stern, left, poses with the No. 1 overall draft pick, John Wall, of Kentucky, who was selected by the Washington Wizards in the first round of the NBA draft on Thursday in New York.

Marathon match finally comes to conclusion

WIMBLEDON John Isner won the longest match in tennis history Thursday, taking the fifth set against Nicolas Mahut 70-68 in an epic struggle that stretched over three days and 11 hours.

The American closed out the victory with a backhand passing shot, then collapsed to his back as he tossed his racket in jubilation and relief.

John Isner

The final score of the first-round match read: 6-4, 3-6, 6-7 (7), 7-6 (3), 70-68.

"When you come out and play a match like this, in an atmosphere like this, you don't feel tired really out there," Isner said, "even though that's exactly what we both were."

The match totalled 183 games and lasted 11 hours, five minutes over three days. The fifth set alone lasted eight hours, 11 minutes.

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I would love to go beat the Saints: Favre
Brett Favre says he can still play at a "high level" if he returns to the Vikings for a 20th NFL season. Favre told the Biloxi Sun Herald Thursday on the Mississippi newspaper's website he would "love to go beat the Saints" in the season opener Sept. 9. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Overweight Sheridan placed on Stamps' retired list

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Dan Toth

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Some love stories have sad endings, as is the case for Matt Sheridan and his apparent romance with fast food.

Sheridan, an offensive lineman who signed as a free agent with the Calgary Stampeders, came into camp at a ridiculous 383 pounds. He has gone on the retired list while he attempts to get back into football shape.

COVERAGE

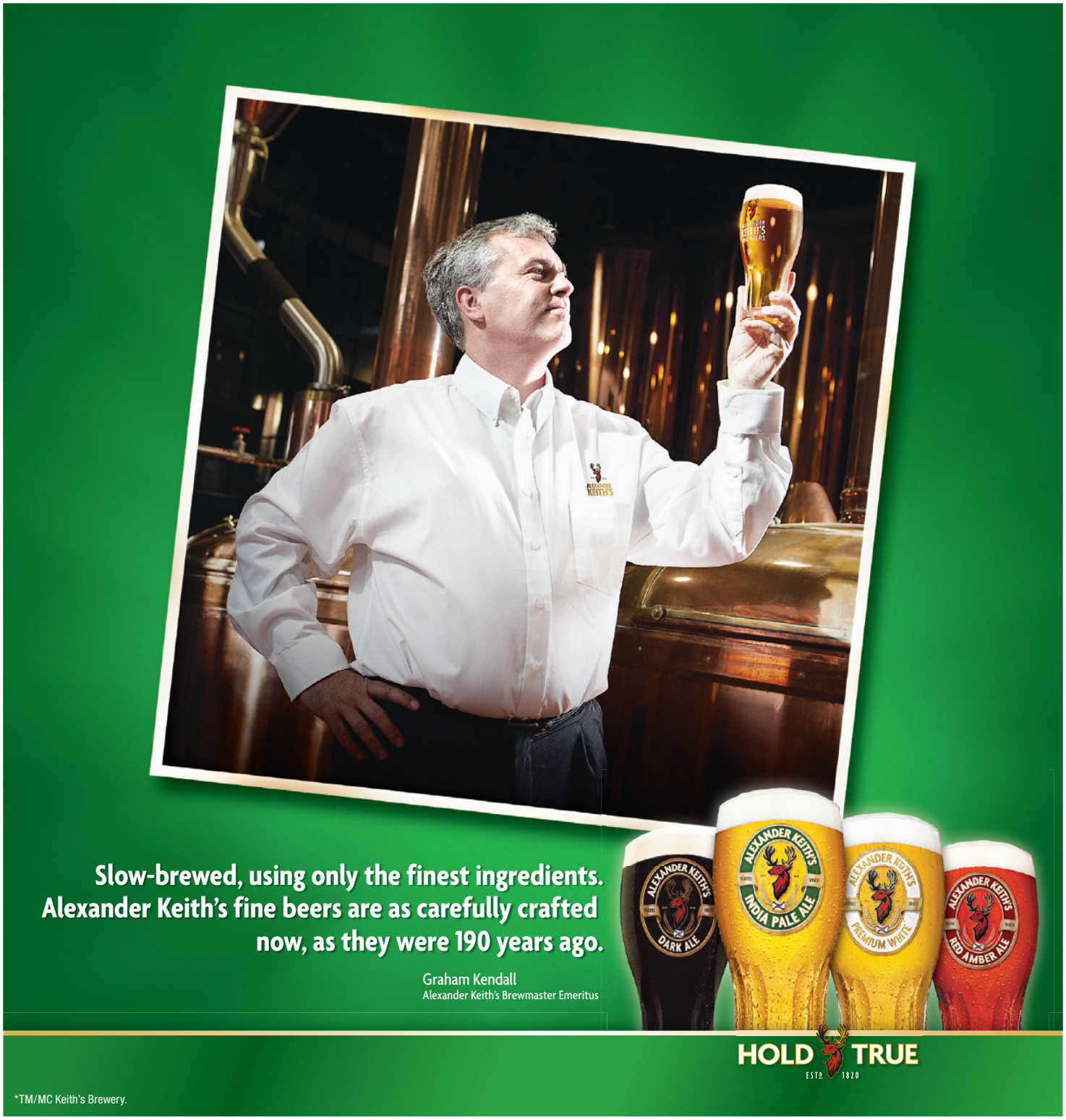
TSN owns the rights to all CFL broadcasts again this season, but Sportsnet is getting into the game with additional coverage in 2010. The network has added former all-star Willie Pless and two-time Grey Cup champ Sandy Annunziata to the Sportsnet Connected lineup as CFL analysts. Sportsnet's CFL Preview show will broadcast June 27 while TSN will kick off its season preview June 30.

ARGOS

Jim Barker hasn't soured on his group of quarterback prospects, led by newcomer Cleo Lemon. The Argos new head coach announced that Lemon will start when the club kicks off its regular season July 1 in Calgary.

"Cleo Lemon from day one has shown us the leadership skills so he is the guy that we are going into Calgary with as our starting quarterback," Barker said. "He gives us someone who is a great leader; he is a guy with very good mobility and is still learning the game."

Dan Toth has been covering the CFL for more than a decade and is a lifelong fan of Canadian football.



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International Ave.

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Take a bus around the world

PETER MCCARTNEY
for Metro Calgary

How does one get from Lebanon to Vietnam in a two-minute bus ride? International Avenue's bus tour has the answer.

Visitors step on to a bus for a tour around the world in just a few hours, travelling to different ethnic food stores in the 35-block street, renowned for its cultural diversity.

"Everyone loves it because it's so unique, the products are so good and the price is so cheap," said Alison Karim-McSwiney, Executive Director of the International Avenue Business Revitalization Zone who has led the tour for 14 years.

For $25, people will get to truly experience the cuisine of each culture, with instruction on what main ingredients and preparation skills define a cuisine — and of course, the scrumptious specialties of each country.

The Ethiopian restaurant Fassil is always a fan favourite, said Karim-McSwiney, mostly because Ethiopian food is a unique experience in itself — injera, a stretchy bread serves as both a utensil and part of the meal.

Fassil's owner also ships in fine Ethiopian wine, and plans on releasing a line of Ethiopian beers for use in his restaurant.

"It's certainly a lot more unique than your local Wal-Mart," she said.

She said the lineup changes on each tour, but they always include Lebanese, Vietnamese and Portuguese food.

"My favourite dish would have to be the pork and muscle casserole at Mimo Restaurant & Lounge," said Karim-McSwiney.

She said advertising for the tour is completely done by world of mouth, but that has been enough to get every bus she's ever taken loaded to the brim with hungry adventurers.

According to Karim-McSwiney, 99 per cent of their customers leave satisfied — and stuffed.

The next tour is scheduled for August 21. Eager and hungry customers can phone the BRZ at 403-248-7288, but they should phone quick as the tours fill up fast.

International Avenue's beauty uncovered

PETER MCCARTNEY
for Metro Calgary

Thirty years ago, International Avenue was falling into disarray.

"I think the unfortunate thing is that it was a lost community, a forgotten community," said Alison Karim-McSwiney, Executive Director of International Avenue Business Revitalization Zone (BRZ).

"It was a lost community."
Alison Karim-McSwiney

In the 1980s and 1990s, the street was a real rundown area, and the BRZ hopes to continue to change that.

"We still have a long way to go," said Karim-McSwiney, "but it took small steps to get where we are."

She describes the neighbourhood as a real community now, one that its residents can be proud of.

She's certain city council will approve a southeast17th Avenue corridor plan, which includes mixed-use planning, renewable energy projects, attractive public spaces and an extension of the LRT.

"We have been so careful not to change the character of International Avenue," she said "this is an extremely exciting piece of work."

She hopes the project will see significant changes within five years.

Globalfest: A 'great chance to celebrate'

PETER MCCARTNEY
for Metro Calgary

'Calgary's cultural communities get to show off their food, their music and their dance' at Globalfest.

Organizers of Globalfest are gearing up for the August festival that celebrates Calgary's cultural communities and incorporates a dazzling fireworks show.

The festival, which runs August 20-28 at Elliston Park, has been immersing Calgarians in their own cultural diversity for eight years, and each year awestruck onlookers have craned their next skyward afterwards to see the best fireworks countries around the world have to offer.

"Calgary's cultural communities get to show off their food, their music and their dance," said Robyn Hounjet, a spokesperson for Globalfest, "it's a great chance to celebrate and create awareness for the different cultures that can be found in Calgary."

Three different stages will showcase music and dance from the 24 different cultural pavilions with contributions from French Africa to Scotland.

Fireworks will light up the summer night with vivid colour while teams from Germany, Italy, Portugal, Spain and Canada compete to put on the best display.

Visitors will also get a chance to enjoy one cultural tourism must – a bustling market at dusk, with all the sights, smells and sounds of bazaars from Mumbai to Rio de Janeiro.

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Word on the street: What's the best thing about living in the International Avenue neighbourhood?

Alex Abernethy
A: It's cheap and I like the overlook of the whole city.

Katherine Hildenbrand
A: There's lots of recreational fun here.

Latisha Hiebert
A: It's an interesting neighbourhood. I like the people I meet.

Christina Hildenbrand
A: You never get bored here, there's always something to do.

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Che Bella

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Metro spoke with Kristen Stewart about how she likes playing Bella Swan — here's a hint, she love every minute.

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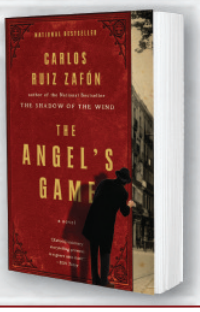

A a glance
Grown Ups
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Grown Ups one lazy comedy

Grown Ups
Director: Dennis Dugan
Stars: Adam Sandler, Chris Rock, Kevin James
Classification: PG
Rating: ●●

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

From left, Chris Rock, Kevin James, Rob Schneider, David Spade and Adam Sandler ham it up for Grown Ups.

Another year, another Adam Sandler movie. When this guy left Saturday Night Live in 1995 no one expected him to become the biggest comedy star in Hollywood, but somehow he's managed to make a career out of playing lovable losers that get the girl and solve some sort of high concept conundrum.

Grown Ups is Sandler's latest film and quite possibly his laziest yet. The concept is that Sandler and his real life buddies Chris Rock, Kevin James, David Spade, and Rob Schneider meet up for a reunion at a giant cottage.

The final product makes it clear that Sandler just wanted to hang out with these guys for a few months and they kind of made a movie when they weren't enjoying the vacation, but probably weren't paying much attention.

The plot (such as it is) sees Sandler and co. reuniting over the death of their former basketball coach. Even though they only spent a few years with the coach as teenagers, he insisted that they all attend his funeral. Weirdly, it seems as though the coach had no family, because soon they're in charge of dumping out the ashes and turn it into a weekend reunion.

Everyone has little problems when they arrive, but they don't matter that much and are all wrapped up in one painfully long weepy scene.

Other than that the movie is little more than a string of gags with the five friendly comedians trying to make each other laugh.

Admittedly, there are some chuckles to be had, but the best laughs most likely took place when the cameras weren't rolling.

There's nothing wrong with lowbrow comedies that have no ambition beyond easy laughs, but Grown Ups is particularly lazy. Sandler's crude/sentimental shtick is getting old and it seems like he isn't even trying to tell stories anymore. The good news is that all these comedians clearly had a good time making a movie last summer. The bad news is that no one else was invited to the party.

• For a trailer of Grown Ups, screen times and photos, visit metronews.ca/movies

Damon goes to the Zoo
Matt Damon is considering the lead role in Cameron Crowe's new film We Bought A Zoo. The feature chronicles a family's idea to buy a defunct zoo and save many of the animals. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Reel Time

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Being Bella and loving it

Stewart still surprised by success of Twilight Saga

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

Kristen Stewart has played Bella Swan, the young woman at the centre of the hugely successful Twilight franchise, in three films now. But she isn't tired of her vampire-loving alter-ego.

"It's super indulgent," she tells Metro. "Everybody always asks, 'It must be so exhausting, you must be so sick of her.' It's like, no. It's like writing a thesis as opposed to writing a paper."

It's a good thing she isn't sick of Bella yet, as Stewart has two more films to complete in the series. She spoke with Metro about splitting the last book into two parts, taking on On the Road and dealing with the madness of the MTV Movie Awards.

Q Are you excited about the chance to stretch the last book out over two movies?

A I'm excited. I feel like the fans are going to love it because we're going to have the time to tell the whole story. What happens when you try to cram such a long story into an hour and a half, the first things that are skimmed off the top are the things I love the most, which is details and the little things that make the characters who they are.

Q Did you anticipate how much of a phenomenon it's become, or could you not have predicted it?

A I don't think anybody could have. I've never seen anybody respond to a movie or a book the way I've seen some of these people respond. Initially, we thought that we had a cult hit. We thought that our little Twilight fan group is going to love our movie and make it somewhat successful, and maybe other people will catch on. Other people caught on like crazy. So initially it wasn't going to be this global phenomenon. It was going to be like a cult hit.

Q You're filming On the Road this summer.

A Yeah. It's finally getting made, which is really a miracle. I can't believe I'm this age at this time when it finally gets made. Somebody the other day was like, "There's really no plot." I was like, "What the f— are you talking about, there's no plot?" … I wrote a paper on that and told [director] Walter Salles about it in a meeting that I had with him a year and a half ago. I was like, "It's not very smart, but you should read it because you can tell that I really love it." I mean, I was in the eighth grade.

Q You guys had a good run at the MTV Awards, didn't you?

A I know. It feels weird, too. There are movies that are really good every year, and because of our fan base, they're just going to click away and we're going to win the things. I hope there's not too much resentment.

Taylor Lautner and Kristen Stewart star in The Twilight Saga: Eclipse, out next week.

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TwilightTalk

The stars dish on the Twilight series' third instalment, Eclipse.

"I guess in terms of the violence and stuff, I guess that makes it a little bit more grown-up. The sort of love triangle thing — being torn between two lovers doesn't really happen when you're eight."
Robert Pattinson

"It was weird, just that Jacob actually got to kiss Bella. It was good. I mean, it was kind of the ultimate movie kiss. Because we were on top of this mountain. There was a beautiful background."
Taylor Lautner

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Rathbone's career on the rise with Last Airbender

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Jackson Rathbone might be set to make tween girls and middle-aged woman squeal with delight next week in the new Twilight movie, but that's not the film that he's most excited to be a part of this summer.

Instead, Rathbone is looking forward to audiences seeing his role in the upcoming M. Night Shyamalan movie The Last Airbender, which is based on a popular TV series.

"My friends were always huge fans of the show and so was I." Rathbone told Metro. "While they weren't quite so excited when they learned that I was in Twilight, now I've got my guy friends thinking I'm kind of cool. So, it's nice to get some credibility. After all, I know kung fu now."

The film is based on the Nickelodeon animated series Avatar: The Last Airbender (part of the title was dropped for the movie for obvious reasons) about a world separated into distinct populations based on their ability to control one of the four elements.

Jackson Rathbone, left, stars in M. Night Shyamalan's The Last Airbender.

"I've got my guy friends thinking I'm kind of cool. So, it's nice to get some credibility. After all, I know kung fu now."
Jackson Rathbone

When a young child is discovered who can control all of the elements, he is cherished because he could bring peace to the divided world. Rathbone plays a member of the water tribe who helps the young boy on his journey. It's not exactly the type of movie that you'd expect to see from the director of tense thrillers like Signs and The Sixth Sense, but Rathbone revealed that M. Night Shyamalan's daughters played a role in convincing the director to stretch.

"Apparently his daughters were big fans of the show and it was their idea to do this movie. So he spread his wings and made a family film," said Rathbone before clarifying, "Well, not a family film in a sense that it's G-rated and cows are talking to pigs. This is a film with so much action that everyone's going to love it."

Much like the TV series that inspired it, the film will be filled with complex action sequences guaranteed to thrill audiences. It's a big part of what drew Rathbone to the project and he was thrilled to play an action hero.

"I probably did about 90 per cent of my fights and it was a blast," said Rathbone.

"I got to work with some of the premiere stuntmen and stuntwomen in the industry. I met guys who played James Bond back when it was Sean Connery and would jump out of airplanes and do the most amazing things. It was such an honour to be working with people of that calibre."

Harris makes it three with Harold & Kumar
There is some confirmation that Neil Patrick Harris will appear in A Very Harold & Kumar Christmas, making him three for three in the series. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Couples on the run

InFocus

Richard Crouse

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Natural Born Killers, starring Julliete Lewis and Woody Harrelson, is one of the most controversial films ever made.

The road trip is part of the American psyche dating back to the young men (and women) who took Horace Greeley's famous advice —"Go west young man!"— to heart and left the east for the frontier.

Hollywood saw the allure early on, recognizing that road movies offer opportunities to inject exciting secondary characters and interesting scenery into stories each time the leads stop in a new town. Add to that the sexy appeal of two people running for their lives and you have a new genre — the fugitive couple movie.

Whether it is the doomed Henry Fonda and Sylvia Sydney on the lam in 1937s You Only Live Once or Tom Cruise and Cameron Diaz's worldwide trek in this weekend's Knight and Day, the idea of runaways on the open road has been irresistible to filmmakers.

One early fugitive road movie is Persons in Hiding, a nasty 1939 film based on J. Edgar Hoover's bestselling book of the same name. J. Carrol Naish stars as a small-time hood on the run with Dorothy Bronson (Patricia Morison).

Together they rob banks and even kidnap a hapless stranger all to appease Ms. Bronson's appetite for champagne and furs. Of course, this being based on Hoover's book, the pair isn't mythologized à la Bonnie and Clyde. No, the heroes here are the FBI who use their "infallible" methods to bring the couple to justice.

Better known is The Getaway, Sam Peckinpah's violent love letter to criminal behaviour. Based on a 1959 pulp novel by Jim Thompson, it stars Steve McQueen as a cocky safecracker who hits the road with Ali MacGraw following a botched holdup.

Panned on its original release — Roger Ebert called it "a big, glossy, impersonal mechanical toy" — it was a box office success, partly because of the ruckus the tabloids made when MacGraw left her husband, producer Robert Evans, for McQueen during production.

More recently crime and scandal were at the heart of Natural Born Killers, a satire of media sensationalism and America's love affair with violence. Woody Harrelson and Juliette Lewis play married murderers — "the best thing to happen to mass murder since Manson" — on a cross country killing spree.

Richard Crouse's Movie Show can be seen every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. on the E! Channel; mrchaos33@hotmail.com.

Movie morsels

Toy Story 3

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REVIEW The folks at Pixar have returned to the characters of their first movie, now 15 years past, and come up with an inspired, intelligent and entertaining film expertly straddling the line between kids and adults entertainment. The latest instalment finds Woody (Tom Hanks), Buzz Lightyear (Tim Allen) and the rest of the familiar toys of the first two films fretting over their owner Andy's impending departure to college. After becoming convinced they're headed for the trash heap, the toys mount an escape that lands them in the apparent Shangri-La of a local day-care centre, where the toy world is overseen by a deceivingly cuddly old teddy bear (Ned Beatty). While kids will certainly enjoy the movie, don't be surprised to find most of the adult audience needing tissues. The visuals are spectacular enough without 3-D, and the technology doesn't add enough to warrant the higher ticket price.

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The Karate Kid

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REVIEW To anyone alive in the 1980s, the Karate Kid legend is a familiar one. In this reboot, Jaden Smith (son of Will and Jada) stars in the role Ralph Macchio made a Reagan era icon. The story's been freshened by a move to Beijing but the filmmakers wisely kept the underdog coming-of-age tale front and centre. Smith is the film's centrepiece. He's clearly still a novice, but has inherited the best bits of his mother and father's collective gene pools (he got his mother's ears! Yay!) and has charisma to burn. He's ably assisted by co-star Jackie Chan, who brings warmth and personality to Mr. Han.

Richard Crouse/for Metro Canada

Get Him to the Greek

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REVIEW Just as Judd Apatow made stars out of unlikely actors Seth Rogen and Jason Segel, Get Him to the Greek aims to turn Russell Brand and plumpy Jonah Hill into Hollywood's latest A-listers. And it may just do it. A spin-off to the 2008 Apatow-produced hit Forgetting Sarah Marshall, this tale about a record executive hopeful named Aaron (Hill) and his lascivious, out-of-control rock 'n' roll charge (Brand, reviving Marshall's Aldous Snow character) anchors gross-out gags by giving the bedlam a heart.

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Just Wright (PG) Fri-Thu 9:45
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The Losers (14A) Fri-Thu 9:25
MacGruber (18A) Fri-Thu 10
Oceans (G) Fri-Thu 1-4:15-7:25-9:40

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91 Crowfoot Terrace, 403-547-3316

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The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG) No Passes Wed 6:40-9:40 No Passes Thu 12-3-6:40-9:40

EMPIRE STUDIO 16 COUNTRY HILLS
388 Country Hills Blvd., 403-686-8491

The A-Team (PG) Fri-Tue 12:50-3:45-6:55-9:45 Wed-Thu 12:50-3:45-6:45-9:45
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Iron Man 2 (PG) Fri-Mon 1:15-4:20-7:20-10:15 Tue 1:15-10:15
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Killers (PG) Stadium Seating, SR Dolby Digital Fri-Mon 12:25-3:50-6:35 Stadium Seating, SR Dolby Digital Tue 12:25-3:50 Stadium Seating, SR Dolby Digital Wed 12:25-3:50-6:35
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The Last Airbender 3D (STC) No Passes, SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Thu 12:55-3:50-7:40-10:15
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Twilight/New Moon Double Feature (STC) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Tue 6:30

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GLOBE CINEMA
617-8 Avenue, 403-262-3308

The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (18A) Fri 6:30-9:30 Sat 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30 Sun 12:30-3:30-7:30 Mon-Wed 7:30 Thu 3:30-7:30
Please Give (14A) Fri 7-9:10 Sat-Sun 1-3:10-7-9:10 Mon-Tue 7-9:10 Thu 9:10

MOVIEDOME
1039 999 36 St. N.E., 403-248-2000

The Back-up Plan (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:55-7:05-9:40
Clash of the Titans (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:35-6:45-9:35
Date Night (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:05-7:10
Diary of a Wimpy Kid (G) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:50
Furry Vengeance (PG) Fri-Thu 1-4-7:10-9:50
How to Train Your Dragon (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:45-6:40
I Hate Luv Storys (STC) Wed-Thu 2-6:30-9:15
Just Wright (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:40-6:55-9:55
MacGruber (18A) Fri-Thu 10:05
A Nightmare on Elm Street (18A) Fri-Thu 6:50-9:45
Oceans (G) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:10-7:15-10:10
Raavan (14A) Wed-Thu 9:30

SCOTIABANK CHINOOK
6455 MacLeod Trail, 403-212-8994

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The Twilight Trilogy (STC) No Passes Tue 7

PLAZA THEATRE
1133 Kensington Rd. N.W., 403-283-3636

American Grindhouse (14A) Thu 5-11:15
Curtains (STC) Thu 9:30
Harry Brown (18A) Fri 2:30-4:50 Sat 2:30 Mon-Tue 2:30-4:50 Wed 2:30-9:30 Thu 2:30-7
How to Train Your Dragon (PG) Thu 12:40
Qas Youth Animation Project Screening (STC) Wed 7
Sled Island Film Festival (STC) Fri 7-9-11 Sat 1-4:30-7:20-9:20 Sun 1-3-5-7-9 Mon 7-9:30 Tue 7-9:20

SUNRIDGE SPECTRUM
2555 32nd Street, 403-717-1200

The A-Team (PG) Fri-Thu 12:05-3:15-6:50-9:55
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THE UPTOWN STAGE & SCREEN
612 8th Ave. S.W., 403-265-0120

Full Signal (STC) Sat 12
Mao's Last Dancer (PG) Fri-Sat 4:30 Sun 12:20-4:30 Mon-Wed 4:30 Thu 12:20-4:30
Micmacs (14A) Fri-Sat 4:50-6:50-9 Sun 2:40-4:50-6:50-9 Mon-Wed 4:50-6:50-9 Thu 2:40-4:50-6:50-9
The Secret in Their Eyes (18A) Fri 7-9:30 Sat-Sun 12-2:30-7-9:30 Mon-Wed 7-9:30 Thu 12-2:30-7-9:30

WESTHILLS 10
165 Stewart Green, 403-246-5291

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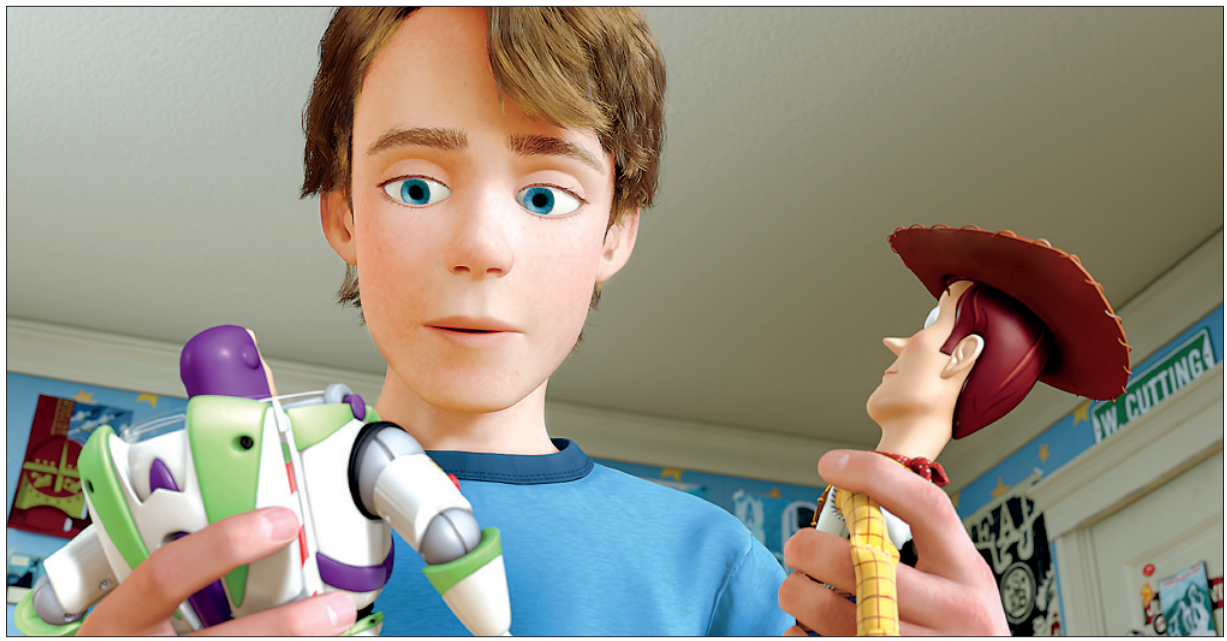

Buzz Lightyear and Woody get a new lease on life in Toy Story 3.

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Top albums on the Billboard 200
1. Thank Me Later, Drake; 2. Mojo, Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers; 3. The Laws of Illusion, Sarah McLachlan; 4. NOW 34, Various Artists; 5. To the Sea, Jack Johnson. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Music

Gregg Allman undergoes liver surgery

PEOPLE Rock 'n' roll Hall of Famer Gregg Allman underwent a successful liver transplant surgery Wednesday morning at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Fla.

Allman's manager Michael Lehman said that Allman was groggy but awake Wednesday morning and that the co-founder of the seminal Southern rock group The Allman Brothers Band could be sitting up and on his feet by nightfall.

"He's psyched to put this time of his life behind him and have a chance again to feel really healthy and good, and hopefully live for many more years to come," Lehman said.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

in brief

CHARTS: The following is HMV Canada's top 10 CDs based on national sales for the week ending June 26:

1 Recovery, Eminem
2 Thank Me Later, Drake
3 Scream. Ozzy Osbourne
4 Can't Be Tamed, Miley Cyrus
5 To the Sea. Jack Johnson
6 Laws of Illusion. Sarah McLachlan
7 Five Ghosts. Stars
8 How I Got Over You, The Roots
9 My World 2.0, Justin Bieber
10 Oh Little Fire, Sarah Harmer

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Harmer holds her fire

Singer-sogwriter back with first new album in five years

GRAHAM ROCKINGHAM
for Metro Canada

Five years is a long time between albums in the pop music world.

Many artists would have released at least two studio CDs during that time, maybe a DVD and a live album as well.

We can excuse Sarah Harmer's long break between albums, though. She's been preoccupied.

For the past five years, Harmer has been at the centre of a fight to block a proposed gravel quarry on a picturesque piece of the Niagara Escarpment near her childhood home in rural north Burlington, Ont.

The Juno-winning singer-songwriter's time has been taken up with raising funds, hiring consultants, lobbying politicians, studying scientific reports and prepping for a seemingly endless series of land-use hearings.

If anything, it's surprising that she found any time at all to write and record her new CD, Oh Little Fire, which was released this week.

"Yeah, it was a long time coming," Harmer agrees in an interview from her home near Kingston. "But perspective is pretty important when it comes to time."

"It's definitely an album based around human emotions, experiences and relationships from a personal perspective."
Sarah Harmer

Harmer admits it wasn't easy to pick up songs that, in some cases, she had started years earlier.

"I started a few of them a long time ago," she explains. "I'd have an idea for a song — a melody, a verse, a little bit of sentiment — to get back to it and make something complete, that took a while."

Her previous album, I'm a Mountain, was released in 2005 shortly after she had formed the environmental group PERL (Protecting Escarpment Rural Land) to fight the quarry proposal. It was an acoustic record with a country tinge and filled with the politics of the environment. It made the short list for the Polaris Music Prize for top Canadian album. An accompanying DVD won a Juno award.

Politics is largely absent from the songs of Oh Little Fire. One track, Washington, is about her regret at not travelling to the U.S. capital to for President Barack Obama's inauguration.

Songs about the environment, however, are noticeably lacking.

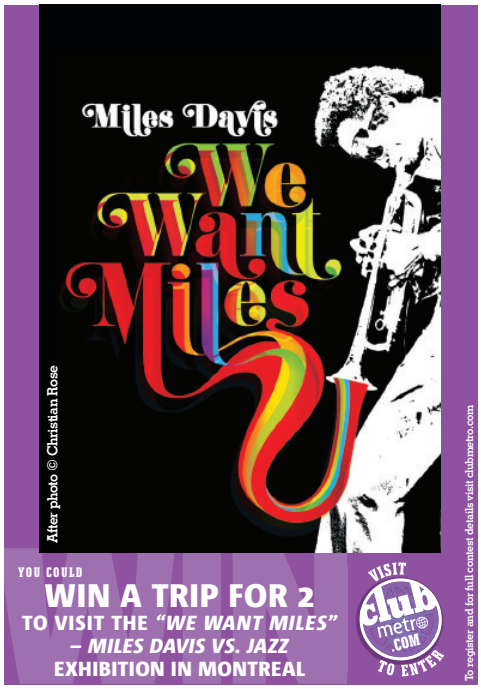
"No, there aren't any overt land-use issues commented on," she laughs. "It's definitely an album based around human emotions, experiences and relationships from a personal perspective."

To help guide her transition back to the recording studio, Harmer reached out to old friend and producer Gavin Brown. Brown, best known for his work with rock bands like Billy Talent, had played drums on Harmer's 2000 breakthrough album You Were Here.

Brown's influence brought electric guitars and keyboards back into the mix. Only one track — Silverado, sung with the help of alt-country queen Neko Case — contains the rootsy feel of I'm A Mountain.

"(Brown) was a huge part of making this record," she says. "He really kicked it in for me. ... I had all these songs in my mind for a long time. He helped me express them."

For the past five years, Juno-winning singer-songwriter Sarah Harmer has been at the centre of a fight to block a proposed gravel quarry on a picturesque piece of the Niagara Escarpment.



Amazon.ca's bestselling albums
1. The Laws of Illusion, Sarah McLachlan; 2. Oh Little Fire, Sarah Harmer; 3. Recovery, Eminem; 4. Mojo, Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers; 5. To The Sea, Jack Johnson. METRO NEWS SERVICES

The art of cover art

Cover up

• The alternate cover of Eminem's new album was created by British photographer Nigel Parry.

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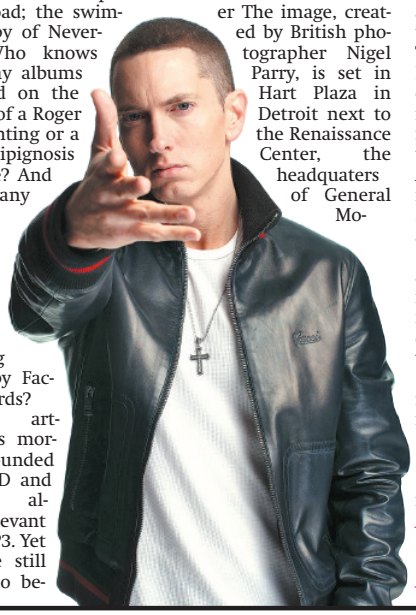
There was a time when I had beautiful handwriting, a lovely cursive script with distinctive jaunty flourishes with the uppercase "A" and the lowercase "g" and "j." But no more. Keyboards — first an IBM Selectric and then a computer — completely destroyed my ability to write in longhand.

Today, I'd have better luck reading ancient Sumerian runic symbols than anything I might have written down in the last 10 minutes. The only way I can be remotely legible is to jot down everything in ALL CAPS.

This is kind of what happened to album artwork. In the old days, LP offered a 12-by-12 pallet (double that if you include the back) that could be a source of mystic, wonder and legend: the man with the sticks on Led Zeppelin IV; Paul McCartney barefoot and out of step on Abbey Road; the swimming baby of Nevermind. Who knows how many albums were sold on the strength of a Roger Dean painting or a surreal Hipignosis landscape? And how many careers were launched as a result of the amazing packaging created by Factory Records?



Album artwork was mortally wounded by the CD and rendered almost irrelevant by the MP3. Yet there are still those who believe in its power — like Eminem.

Frankly, I'm not the biggest Eminem fan, but I did buy his new record, Recovery, partly because of the album's alternate cover. The image, created by British photographer Nigel Parry, is set in Hart Plaza in Detroit next to the Renaissance Center, the headquaters of General Motors. The place is deserted save for Eminem in his hermetically sealed Perspex box with his couch, flat screen TV and some reading material.

There are several layers and multiple interpretations within this shot. There's Em's stints in rehab — prompted by an accidentally overdose of methadone — where he recovered from addictions to Vicodin, Valium and Ambien. But because he's in a box, what does that say about his state of mind and self-perception?

There's Detroit and the auto industry's wished-for recovery and, dare we say it, renaissance after decades of decline. But why is the plaza deserted?

Before you hear a single note or rhyme, Recovery is mysterious, disturbing and thought-provoking — all thanks to the artwork. And isn't that great to see for a change?

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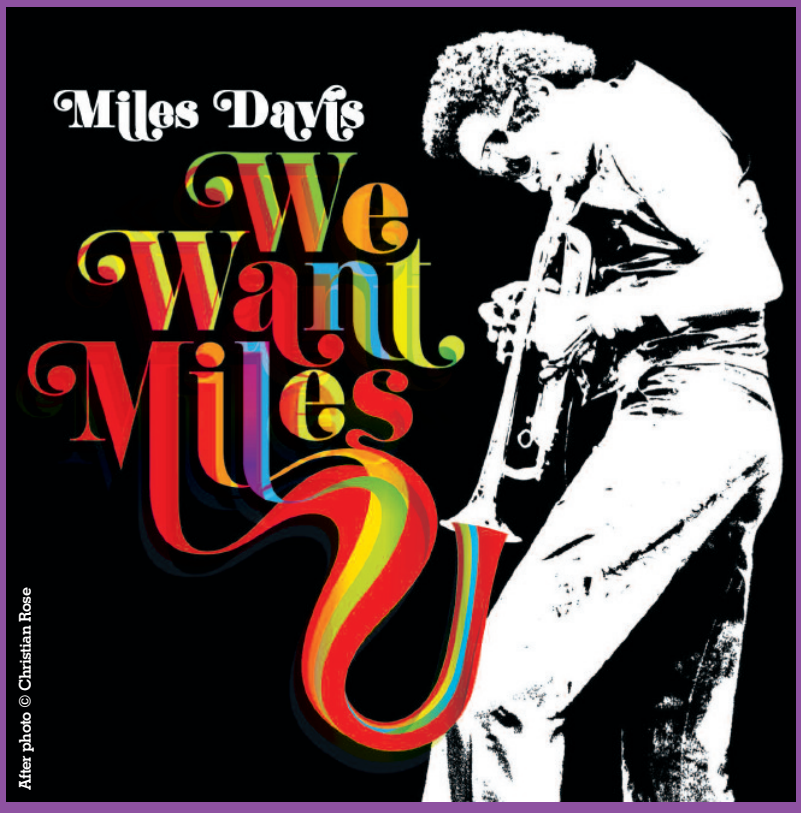

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Oscars might get moved up to January

Academy Awards organizers are talking about moving up the date of the show, possibly as early as January. A firm date of Feb. 27 already has been set for next year's 83rd Oscars, so 2012 is the earliest any change would take effect. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Television

As the World Turns says bye

You can view the clip on YouTube: Dr. Bob Hughes lunching with a fellow doctor in a scene aired live on As the World Turns the afternoon of Nov. 22, 1963.

"Shall we get a menu?" Hughes says to his dining companion. "Waiter! I'd like to order. I'm kind of hungry."

That scene was the last the TV audience would see of As the World Turns that day as CBS News seized the schedule for continuous coverage of President John Kennedy's assassination.

Don Hastings

The young, dark-headed actor who played Dr. Bob, as well as the rest of the cast, completed the show shielded from both the fact of its pre-emption and the terrible reason why.

Only after the episode's final fade-out did they learn of the tragedy, as the actor portraying Dr. Bob, Don Hastings, recalled one day last week.

Now 76 and handsomely silver-haired, Hastings was in his dressing room between scenes at the Brooklyn studio the series has called home the past decade. He was still playing Dr. Bob — lately the head of Oakdale Memorial Hospital and, as always, endowed with a perfect bedside manner — just a few months shy of 50 years after landing the part.

But Hastings won't get to reach his half-century milestone in October. On Sept. 17, TV's oldest daytime drama will fold. On Wednesday, ATWT wrapped production forever.

"It's been a job and a home and friendships for 50 years," said Hastings, as he pondered the series' end. "I don't think it's hit me yet."

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FRIDAY

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	-	371 5 KXLY	4 News at 6	4 News at 6:30	Entertainment	The Insider (N)	Wife Swap (N)		20/20 (HDTV) (N)		
	245	306 6 CBRT	Laughs	World Cup Soccer Group Stage: Honduras vs. Switzerland. (HDTV)					CBC News: The National		Soccer
	244	338 7 CICT	ET Canada	Entertainment	ReGenesis "Prions"		Friday Night Lights (N)		90210 "Life's a Drag"		News Hour
	246	- 8 CKAL	Murdoch Mysteries		Warehouse 13 "Regrets"		Mantracker		Murdoch Mysteries		EP Daily
	-	372 12 KREM	News	Access H.	The Doctors		Medium		Flashpoint (N) (DVS)		Miami Medical
	-	374 14 KSPS	PBS NewsHour (N)		Washington	McLaughlin	Need to Know (HDTV) (N)		News	Design e2	Great Divide
	-	370 16 KHQ	News (N)	Millionaire	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel Fortune	Friday Night Lights (N)		Dateline NBC (HDTV) (N)		
	-	373 22 KAYU	The Office	Raymond	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Bones (HDTV)		House "Remorse"		News
news	502	390 15 CBC	CBC News: The National		Africa on the Move		CBC News: The National		CBC News: The National		Africa
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	501	391 52 CTV	CTV News Tonight		CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News
sports	400	400 21 TSN	(5) NHL Entry Draft (HDTV) (Live)				SportsCentre		NASCAR Racing		Planet Speed
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family	552	543 20 YTV	iCarly	Miranda	*The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* ★★★ (2005, Comedy-Drama)					Survive This	To Be Indie
	557	541 39 FAM	Wizards-Place	Jonas (N)	The Suite Life on Deck		*Vacation With Derek* (2010)			*Johnny Tsunami* (1999)	
cable variety	603	561 25 FOOD	The Wild Chef	Bobby Flay	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	CheF OFF!	ThirstyTraveler	Diners, Drive	Unwrapped	The Wild Chef
	615	520 26 A&E	Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds Cults.		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		(10:01) Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds
	617	522 32 SHOW	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	ReGenesis (HDTV)		*Termination Point* (2007, Suspense) Jason Priestley.				Kenny vs.
	520	505 35 DISC	Man vs. Wild		Unusual	Unusual	Daily Planet		Man vs. Wild		Salvage Code
	628	584 43 SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scn	(7:19) The Ultimate Fighter (HDTV)							GameTrailers
	522	516 45 HIST	Urban Legends	Urban Legends	Dive Detectives (HDTV)		Jurassic Fight Club		*Wyatt Earp* ★★ (1994, Biography)		
	-	- 47 AMC	(6) *The Sea Wolves* ★★ (1980, Adventure)		(8:45) *Outbreak* ★★ (1995, Suspense) (HDTV) Dustin Hoffman, Rene Russo.						
	581	566 102 MTV	Cribs	MTV Live	Movie Night	After	MTV Live	Movie Night	1 girl 5 gays	Cribs	Cribs

SATURDAY

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	-	- 4 OMNI	Omni News: Mandarin Edition		Chinese Rest.	Trendy Zone	*Nobody's Perfect* (2008, Comedy) Stephy Tang, Kary Ng.				Most Amazing
	-	371 5 KXLY	4 News at 6	Explorer TV	Entertainment Tonight		Amer. Funniest Home Videos		Castle "Food to Die For"		Rookie Blue
	245	306 6 CBRT	World Cup Soccer Match of the Day. (HDTV)						Africa on the Move Africa's rich cultures.		
	244	338 7 CICT	Jane Show	renegadepress	*Unthinkable* (2007, Suspense) Michelle Forbes.				True Crime Scene		News Final (N)
	246	- 8 CKAL	what's cooking	Most Amazing	Glenn Martin	Out There	*See Grace Fly* ★★ (2003, Drama) Gina Chiarelli. (DVS)				City News
	-	372 12 KREM	News	Scrubs	Grey's Anatomy		Three Rivers (HDTV) (N)		48 Hours Mystery		48 Hr. Mystery
	-	374 14 KSPS	The Lawrence Welk Show		May-December	Time Goes By	*High Society* ★★★ (1956, Musical Comedy) Bing Crosby.				Globe Trekker
	-	370 16 KHQ	KHQ-News 6	Judge Judy	CSI: NY "Buzzkill"		America's Got Talent (HDTV) Audition continue.				Law & Order
	-	373 22 KAYU	MLB Baseball		Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Bones (HDTV)		House "Deception"		News
news	502	390 15 CBC	National	Mansbridge	What Happened Next		National	Marketplace	National	Mansbridge	Jackson
	500	500 29 CNN	Larry King Live		Newsroom		Gary & Tony Have a Baby		Larry King Live		Newsroom
	501	391 52 CTV	CTV News Weekend		CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News
sports	400	400 21 TSN	(6) 30 for 30 (HDTV)		SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)			Boxing			
	408	418 27 net	MLB Baseball		Premier	The Grid	The Ultimate Fighter		Saturday Night Poker		Sportsnet Con.
family	552	543 20 YTV	Kid vs. Kat	League-Evil	Zeke's Pad	Prank Patrol	Amer. Funniest Home Videos		That's-Weird	Prank Patrol	Survive This
	557	541 39 FAM	(7:01) Jonas	Suite/Deck	Wingin' It	Zoey 101	Suite Life	Han. Montana	*Driving Miss Daisy* (1989, Comedy-Drama)		
cable variety	603	561 25 FOOD	Chopped		Top Chef Masters		Kitchen Nightmares		The Next Food Network Star		
	615	520 26 A&E	Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		CSI: Miami "Head Case"		(10:01) Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds
	617	522 32 SHOW	*Ghost Rider*	About a Girl	ReGenesis (HDTV)		*XIII* (2009, Suspense) Val Kilmer, Stephen McHattie.				*Ghost Rider*
	520	505 35 DISC	Deadliest Catch		Destroyed	Destroyed	Canada's Worst Handyman		Criss Angel	Criss Angel	Amer. Loggers
	628	584 43 SPIKE	UFC Unleashed (HDTV)		UFC 113: Machida vs. Shogun 2 (HDTV) (N)					U.S. Navy: Pirate Hunters	
	522	516 45 HIST	Aftermath (HDTV)		Saving Places (N)		Ancients Behaving Badly		*21* ★★ (2008, Drama) Jim Sturgess.		
	-	- 47 AMC	(6) *The Magnificent Seven* (1960)				*The Magnificent Seven* ★★★ (1960, Western) (HDTV) Yul Brynner, Eli Wallach.				
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	-	371 5 KXLY	Hoopfest Championship		Amer. Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Scoundrels (HDTV) (N)		The Gates (N)
	245	306 6 CBRT	World Cup Soccer Match of the Day. (HDTV)						CBC News: The National		Soccer
	244	338 7 CICT	16:9-Picture	Carlawood	American Dad	Tucson	The Simpsons	Cleveland	Family Guy	American Dad	News Final (N)
	246	- 8 CKAL	Murdoch Mysteries		Friends	Friends	Extreme Makeover: Home		Survivorman		City News
	-	372 12 KREM	KREM 2 News at 6 (N)		60 Minutes (HDTV) (N)		I Get That a Lot		The 37th Annual Daytime Emmy Awards		
	-	374 14 KSPS	Lark Rise to Candleford		Nature (DVS)		Masterpiece Mystery! (HDTV) (N)			West Coast	MI-5
	-	370 16 KHQ	KHQ-News 6	Wheel-Fortune	Dateline NBC A soldier's father seeks the truth. (N)				Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law Order: CI
	-	373 22 KAYU	House "The Mistake"		Tucson	American Dad	The Simpsons	Cleveland	Family Guy	American Dad	News
news	502	390 15 CBC	CBC News: The National		Enron: Smartest Guys in the Room				CBC News: The National		Enron Guys
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sports	400	400 21 TSN	Poker Women's World Open III.		SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)			Motoring 2010	Auto Racing	Planet Speed	30 for 30
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family	552	543 20 YTV	*Zathura* ★★★ (2005, Adventure) Josh Hutcherson, Jonah Bobo.					Family Biz	Fries That?	Fries That?	Survive This
	557	541 39 FAM	(7:01) Jonas	Suite/Deck	Wingin' It	Zoey 101	Suite Life	Han. Montana	*Jump In!* (2007, Drama) Corbin Bleu.		
cable variety	603	561 25 FOOD	The Next Food Network Star		Dinner: Impossible		Restaurant Makeover		Hell's Kitchen		Iron Chef Am.
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	617	522 32 SHOW	*Fool's Gold* ★	Pure Pwnage	Intelligence (HDTV)		*XIII* (2009, Suspense) Val Kilmer, Stephen McHattie.				*Fool's Gold* ★
	520	505 35 DISC	(6) MythBusters (N)		MythBusters (N)		Bourdain: No Reservations		MythBusters "25 Best Busted Myths"		
	628	584 43 SPIKE	Band/Brothers	(7:22) Band of Brothers (HDTV)			Band of Brothers "Points" (HDTV)			(10:40) Jail	(11:14) Jail
	522	516 45 HIST	Ice Pilots NWT (HDTV)		Ice Road Truckers		SAS: Are You Tough Enough?		*Tears of the Sun* ★★ (2003, Action)		
	-	- 47 AMC	(6) *True Crime* ★★★ (1999, Crime Drama)				*The Specialist* ★★ (1994, Action) Sylvester Stallone, Sharon Stone.				*Sabretooth* ★
	581	566 102 MTV	After	After	Cribs	Cribs	MTV Live	Movie Night	1 girl 5 gays	Cribs	Cribs

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@Gimzatron Blue Jays baseball and the NHL draft

@Maryselalonde I'll PVR the new show "Rookie Blue". Love a good drama!

@steveoby I'll be PVR'ing the world cup football, but still waiting for seaso 2 of Jersey Shore.

@esheinberg Trash TV Mondays with my girls! I PVR The eastern feed of the Bachelorette.

@jdeslippe The Bachelorette and soon...Bachelor Pad :)

Jason Lee stars in the new TNT cop show Memphis Beat.

Lee gets a badge in his newest TV show

HEIDI PATALANO
Metro World News

Jason Lee seems like a man who prefers to stay busy. Having just appeared on Live with Regis and Kelly moments before, Lee talks to us from a car on his way to the airport so that he can return to shooting his new TNT cop drama Memphis Beat later in the afternoon.

And Lee's last TV hit, My Name Is Earl, was barely deceased before he reappeared in this somewhat less-quirky role as Dwight Hendricks, a southern police detective who is also an Elvis impersonator.

"(Earl was) more goofing off and having a good time doing that and [Dwight] is having a good time taking a completely different approach, which is a little bit more thoughtful," Lee explains about the new role. "It really became my objective to make this guy real whereas with Earl, it was a little more fantastical."

Memphis Beat isn't a usual gritty crime drama.

"It's certainly more interesting when you can be as invested in the characters as you are in whatever the case is or who the bad guy is and how they find them," Lee says. "I think it's a character thing."

Lee believes the setting of the show makes in unique.

"The way things work down there as opposed to anywhere else in the country and the pride that people have — it makes the show so much more interesting," he said.

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Back to school for producers
Dr. Dre and Timbaland went back to school Wednesday night. The rapper-producers shocked students when they appeared at a Culver City High School graduation party. Dr. Dre introduced Timbaland, who performed song Promiscuous Girl. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Going Out

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 Robert Pattinson
POP CULTURE Turns out the pale star, who has a habit of making girls swoon as vampire Edward Cullen, may have a genealogical leg up. Ancestry.com reports the Twilight star is a descendant of Vlad the Impaler, a three-time ruler of Wallachia (now a region of Romania), who is thought to be the inspiration for Count Dracula in Bram Stoker's 1897 novel.

2 Botanical Paperworks
GIFTS 'Tis the season for graduations and weddings — and gardens. Botanical Paperworks has created a line of greeting cards containing seeds, so now you can spread the love, congrats, and wildflowers like Snap Dragons and Bird's Eyes. botanicalpaperworks.com

3 Stones in Exile
MUSIC Taxed out and drugged out, the Rolling Stones escaped to France in 1971 and recorded what many consider to be their best album ever. Following closely on the heels of the Exile On Main Street reissue, this documentary gets the juice behind the songs — and the lifestyle — of the world's biggest rock 'n' roll band at their peak.

4 PureHMV
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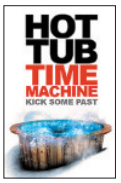
5 Hot Tub Time Machine
DVD Take a dip into the past with this film about a group of friends who travel back to the '80s. The movie is being released this Tuesday on DVD and Blu-ray.



6 The Situation
FASHION Jersey Shore's Mike (The Situation) Sorrentino will soon be showing off more than just his abs: his new clothing line, according to The Associated Press. Sorrentino has teamed up with Miami-based Dilligaf by Bohica Bill to launch a couture line. Dilligaf Couture by the Sitch will debut in July. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

7 Wipeout Canada
TV Are you a fan of the show Wipeout? Or maybe just like running through crazy obstacle courses? Canadian daredevils have until Canada Day to apply for a chance to appear on the Canuck version of the hit TV phenom. wipeoutcanada.com

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Where: 528-1 56 Ave SW
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Picture the Cure – Silent Art Auction and Fashion show
When: Saturday
Where: Gerry Thomas
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MEC Bikefest Calgary
When: Saturday
Where: North side of Edworthy Park
Amateurs, experts, and kids – there's something for everyone at MEC Bikefest Calgary. Demo bikes, crafts, free riding clinics and scavenger hunt fun.

Lilith Fair featuring Sarah McLachlan
When: Sunday
Where: McMahon Stadium
Lilith kicks off in Calgary this weekend. The all-female lineup includes Sugarland, Sheryl Crow, Erykah Badu, Colbie Caillat, Grace Potter & more. Tickets start at $66. For more information, visit lilithfair.com.

Big Slick Poker Tour regional Championships
When: Saturday and Sunday
Where: Ogden Legion
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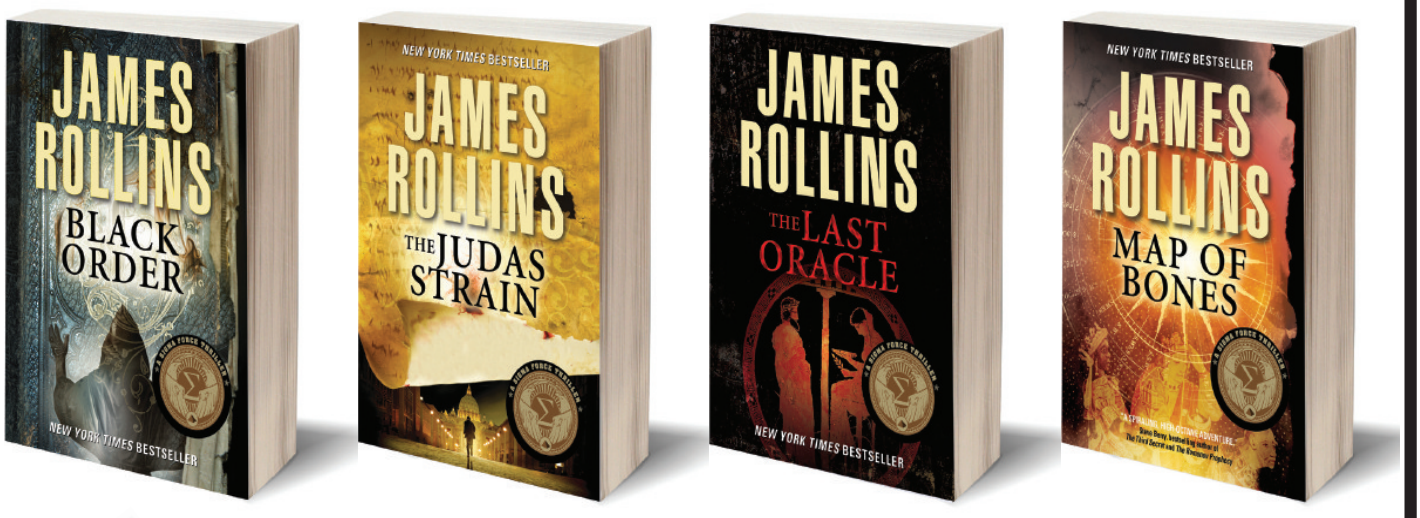

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From child to adult star

Cyrus on her way to duplicating success with third album

It's not always easy for child stars to continue their career into adulthood, or even puberty. For every Justin Timberlake, there's a Debbie Gibson.

That's why Miley Cyrus was so excited when her songs, The Climb and Party in the U.S.A., became bona fide hits on the pop charts last year. The Climb hit No. 4 on Billboard's Hot 100 chart while Party in the U.S.A. stopped just short of becoming the No. 1 song in the nation.

While she has sold millions of records as an extension of her omnipresent Disney persona, Hannah Montana, those songs represented her biggest success to date as Miley — and she connected with more than just the tween audience.

"The Climb is the best thing that's ever happened to me," Miley said in a recent interview. "It went on ... every different kind of radio. I met everyone. I met 3-year-olds, I met 30-year-olds, I met 80-year-olds. ... I got so many different fans."

The 17-year-old phenomenon is on her way to duplicating that success with her new album, Can't Be Tamed. The album's title track has already hit No. 8 on the charts.

CHARLES SYKES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The title track on Miley Cyrus' new album, Can't Be Tamed, has already hit No. 8 on the charts.

But Miley is making more than a musical statement with the record. With songs like the title track and Robot, she's sending a message of a young woman who cannot be controlled.

"It's all about breaking free, being who you are and not being afraid to tell the world to back off sometimes, and do your thing and do what makes you happy," she said of the CD.

What makes Miley happy, however, doesn't always make others happy. And the more she inches to adulthood, the more critics she seems to garner for behaviour deemed age inappropriate.

There was the 2008 dust-up over the Vanity Fair photo where it made her look topless, wrapped in a bedsheet (she says she was not). She danced with a stripper pole at the 2009 Teen Choice Awards. This year, video surfaced of Miley giving one of the producers of her film The Last Song a lap dance at the wrap party.

Earlier this month she simulated a girl-on-girl kiss while performing on Britain's Got Talent, and on the Much Music Awards, she gyrated onstage while wearing a revealing outfit.

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Battle of the '80s

TVGuide.com reports a brawl between two '80s singers is in the works: Debbie Gibson and Tiffany. The two will face off in the Syfy channel's new movie Mega Python vs. Gatoroid. METRO NEWS SERVICES

BET Awards are branching out

The BET Awards are in an all-embracing mood.

Tween heartthrob Justin Bieber and Disney star Selena Gomez are among the nominees, three brand-new artists will debut on the show, and for the first time in its 10-year history, the BET Awards will begin with a big musical number that may remind viewers of Glee.

"This is the biggest show we've ever done," said Stephen Hill, BET's president of music programming and specials. "All I can say is you're going to want to tune in for Queen Latifah's opening."

The coy executive producer wouldn't confirm the "Glee" connection, but praised host Latifah's varied skills: "She acts, sings, raps — and might be taking tap lessons."

Sunday's show also marks Kanye West's first televised appearance since Taylor-Gate at last year's MTV Video Music Awards, when the rapper swiped the microphone from stunned "Best Female Video" winner Taylor Swift and declared that Beyoncé should have won the award. He's been keeping a low profile since the onslaught of bad publicity almost a year ago.

"Everybody wants to see what Kanye's doing," Hill said. "I saw him in March and he said, 'I'm staying out of sight and I'm going to come back strong at the BET Awards.'"

John Legend, who will receive BET's humanitarian award, said he's thrilled to participate in the show again, and especially honoured to be recognized.

"Hopefully this award will inspire others to do the same," Legend said.

He said that Sunday's BET Awards have been energized by the inclusion of young artists such as Drake and Nicki Minaj, and Gomez and Bieber, who are not black and not considered urban artists. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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The BET Awards are adding some youth to the mix with Canadian artists such as Justin Bieber and Drake.

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Wesley Snipes' attorneys are hoping his former financial adviser Kenneth Starr's arrest could pave the way for a new trial on tax evasion charges that landed the star of the Blade trilogy a three-year prison sentence. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Celebrity Buzz

Mariah sued for pooch payment

I'M SORRY $30,000?! WAS SHE FEEDING THEM CAVIAR WHILE GIVING THEM INSIDER TRADING TIPS? Mariah Carey is in the doghouse with a veterinarian who says the pop superstar hasn't paid nearly $30,000 in bills for three of her prized pooches.

Veterinarian Cindy Bressler sued Carey on Wednesday in a Manhattan state court.

Bressler provided "extraordinary services" for the Jack Russell terriers — Cha-Cha, Dolomite and JJ — but the Grammy Award-winning singer paid only about $8,200 of the roughly $37,800 in charges, the lawsuit says. The bills cover a little more than a month of care.

Bressler's lawyer, Michael C. Posner, declined to elaborate on the dogs' treatment. Bressler, whose website notes that she makes house calls in New York City and the Hamptons and caters to "prominent New Yorkers and celebrity clients," didn't immediately respond to an email message seeking comment.

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Lindsay's ex-assistant remains tight-lipped ... for now

THE PRICE IS WRONG Lindsay Lohan's ex-assistant has become a hot commodity for tabloids. The woman, identified only as Eleanor, has reportedly been offered deals of around $50,000 in cash to dish on her former boss, according to Page Six. "She has so far refused the offers, saying she doesn't want to tell on Lindsay as she's afraid she'll never work again," a source says. Eleanor quit her old job because she was "exhausted" and "had enough of Lindsay's demands." METRO WORLD NEWS

Brand turns to Noel Gallagher for marriage advice

WHICH IS LIKE TURNING TO DINA LOHAN FOR PARENTING ADVICE Russell Brand is planning to live out his Robin Hood fantasies for his upcoming bachelor party. "I'll do adventurous things and activities. My friend who is my best man says we're going to go white-water rafting and shoot arrows," Brand says on Britain's Capital Breakfast Show radio program. "We'll be like merry men. Perhaps we'll become outlaws, bandits for a while." Brand also admits he's been turning to famous pals — like Oasis' Noel Gallagher — for advice on keeping future wife Katy Perry happy. "I asked Noel how to get by in a relationship and he said, 'Just say yes to everything they say,'" Brand says. "It works, I've been using that system and it's working well."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Won't you be my neighbour

HE JUST BOUGHT A BRAND NEW, 5,000 SQ. FOOT DOGHOUSE Jesse James' plans to relocate his children to Austin, Texas, to be closer to Sandra Bullock may have angered Bullock's friends, but sources tell Us Weekly that James cleared the move with the Oscar-winning actress first. "Jesse would not relocate his family without consulting with her," a source tells the magazine.

METRO WORLD NEWS

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SARAH SILVERMAN makes an excellent point, **RUSSELL CROWE** has gone nearly a month without a smoke, **DIABLO CODY** reaps the benefits of pregnancy eating, and **RUSSELL BRAND** lost control of his Twitter account.

@SarahKSilverman Dear Scientology: It sounds too casual to worship a guy named Ron. It's weird in my earholes.
@russellcrowe It's day 24, I think. Going fine, not easy but I'm getting through. Big test today working on a confined set with smokers, all good
@diablocody I am so full of antioxidants right now. Thanks, pound of chocolate-covered blueberries!
@rustyrockets hello this is KATY! i'M THE HACKER!

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Britney's secret phone calls to Adnan?

SOMEONE GET PATTI ON THE PHONE: WE NEED A MILLIONAIRE MATCHMAKER INTERVENTION A "miserable" Britney Spears is reportedly sneaking phone calls to paparazzo ex-boyfriend Adnan Ghalib, according to Us Weekly. Despite Spears' relationship with former agent Jason Trawick and Ghalib's restraining order keeping him from being in contact with the singer, Spears has reportedly been desperate to talk to her ex. "She says she's not living the life she wants," a source tells the magazine. "She really wants to get back together with Adnan."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Jackson family values

VALUE #1: CHILDHOOD? THERE IS NO CHILDHOOD IN THIS HOUSE! NOW GET BACK TO WORK Michael Jackson's three children reportedly have a new activity in their schedules: going door-to-door as Jehovah's Witnesses, according to Fox News. Now that they are under the care of the grandmother, Katherine Jackson, Prince, Paris and Blanket Jackson are being encouraged to take part in the family's faith, a big part of which is evangelizing door-to-door. "Growing up, Michael did it, too. It's an important part of their faith," a source says. "Nobody even seems to know it is them. I am sure it is something Katherine would encourage. Becoming a Jehovah's Witness was something she wanted for all her kids."

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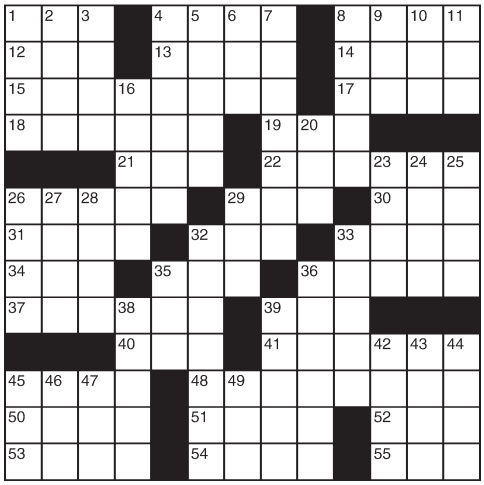

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35 Resistance measure
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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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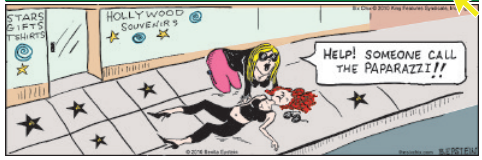

Metro Recipe of the Day

Five-spice Pork

INGREDIENTS:

500 g pork tenderloin, trimmed of fat, cut into 5-cm strips
250 g medium Chinese egg noodles
1 tsp canola oil
1 large onion, finely chopped
1 large garlic clove, crushed
1 tbsp five-spice powder
1 cup sugar snap peas
2 large red peppers, seeded and thinly sliced
1/2 cup hot vegetable broth
Salt and pepper
Fresh cilantro leaves to garnish

METHOD:

1. Cook noodles or according to package instructions. Drain noodles well and set aside.

2. While noodles are cooking, heat wok until hot. Add oil and swirl to coat wok, then add onion and garlic; stir-fry 1 minute. Add five-spice powder and stir-fry another minute.

3. Add pork to wok and stir-fry 3 minutes. Add sugar snap peas and peppers; stir-fry 2 minutes. Pour in broth, stir well and bring to boil.

4. Add noodles to wok; stir and toss until all ingredients are well combined, 2 to 3 minutes. Season with salt and pepper to taste, sprinkle with cilantro leaves and serve immediately.

SERVES 4

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Don't give in to pressure and do something you know to be wrong just because someone in authority demands it of you.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
You have more than your share of good ideas and the planets are begging you to make your latest good idea work, not just for yourself but for others too.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Someone will look favorably on you today but because you don't trust them you may turn down whatever it is they are offering. If you do you'll regret it.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Today's Sun-Pluto aspect will endow you with so much competitive spirit that you will win whatever battle it is you are involved in with considerable ease.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
A great opportunity will come your way today, but will you make the most of it? You may be tempted to stay in the shadows and not call attention to yourself.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
A colleague will want to do you a favor today but because you feel the need to be independent you may reject their offer. That's a shame.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Someone has taken a shine to you and wants to help you make the most of your talents. Just remember nothing is ever truly for free.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
At the moment you have extra strength. However, it would be wrong to force your opinions on other people — wrong, and maybe dangerous too.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
No matter how many times you have tried and failed at something in the past if you try again now you WILL succeed, so don't give up.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
There are some powerful emotions at large. Don't get angry just because someone challenges your worldview. It's not about you personally you know.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
No matter how confident you feel you are likely to come up against someone today whose very presence drains you of energy and self-belief.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
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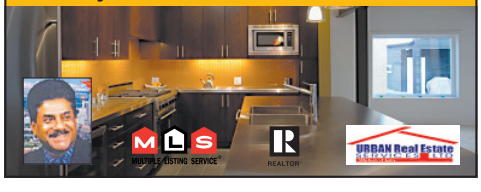

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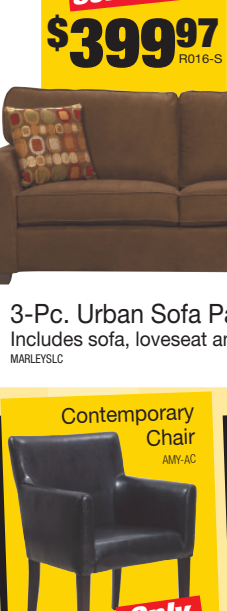

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